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No crowds as early voting starts

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The seven-day early voting period started yesterday with no crowding, as 581 voters trooped to designated polling places on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

According to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez and CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol, the first day of early voting went smoothly on the three islands.

On Saipan, 449 voted at the Pe-

» **581 cast early votes; CEC happy with the good turnout on first day**

dro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. On Tinian and Rota, 69 and 63 voted, respectively, at the islands' Department of Public Safety buildings.

Considering that it's a midterm election, the 581 voters that came in during the first day of the early voting is a good turnout, Villagomez and Igitol said.

At the gubernatorial election in 2014, the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center was swarmed with voters during the first day of early

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6 Days Before ELECTION DAY



A Commonwealth Election Commission staff at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe checks the register for early voters as Joaquin Torres and his wife, Irene Tudela Torres, wait for their turn yesterday. No crowding occurred during the first day of early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

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NMC prepares for WASC visit next month

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The Northern Marianas College expects an accreditation visit from the Western Association of Schools and College from Dec. 1 to 3.

According to NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez during a Board

of Regents meeting last Oct. 28 at the As Terlaje campus, the WASC Senior Commission will look at the college's conformance with certain criterions for review, which are state-ments that help to explain standards of accreditation.



Fernandez

Prior to applying for WASC accreditation, NMC was already accredited by the WASC Junior Commission, also known as the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior colleges.

The ACCJC only allows

colleges to offer one bachelor's degree to be accredited. At that time, NMC's only bachelor program was BS in elementary education.

However, in recognition of the CNMI's CW-1 crisis, NMC began offering a bachelor's degree course, Business Management. Because of this, NMC had to apply for accreditation with the WASC

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Pope names successor to Guam archbishop

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis has named a successor to Guam's archbishop, who is accused of sexually molesting altar boys, tapping an American and giving him special authority in the Pa-

cific island archdiocese.

Monsignor Michael Jude Byrnes, currently an auxiliary bishop in Detroit, is moving to the U.S. territory as a coadjutor bishop. Coadjutors have succession rights when bishops

resign, retire, or are removed.

Archbishop Anthony Apuron, 70, has been accused of molesting at least five altar boys in the 1960s and '70s. He has denied the allegations, has not been charged, and has

refused calls to step down.

In response to the allegations, the Vatican appointed a temporary apostolic administrator for Guam.

Byrnes' nomination Monday suggests a more permanent solution, but there was no word on when the succession would occur.

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Judge voids order for company to vacate premises

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has voided his default judgment that ordered a company

that operates two restaurants at the LC Building in Garapan to vacate the premises for failing to answer a lawsuit over non-payment of rental.

In an order last week, Camacho granted China Yan-

bian Foreign Economic & Technical Cooperation Corp.'s motion to set aside the default judgment on Aug. 26.

Camacho determined that China Yanbian was not properly served with summons

and complaint pursuant to the Holdover Tenancy Act.

Under the Holdover Tenancy Act, "the summons and complaint shall be served as provided by the rules of the court."

Camacho said since China

Yanbian was not properly served, the default judgment is void. Therefore, the judge said, the court has no jurisdiction over China Yanbian.

In that default judgment, Camacho found China Yanbian liable to pay LC Rental Company LLC \$104,400, including the principal amount of \$83,200, plus costs and attorneys' fees in the amount of \$1,222.

The default judgment also terminated the month-to-month lease between LC Rental Company LLC as lessor and China Yanbian as lessee.

The motion for a default judgment was held last Aug. 26, but only attorney Benjamin Petersburg appeared in court for LC Rental. No one appeared for China Yanbian.

China Yanbian operates Seoul One Restaurant and Shinsen Sushi Restaurant at the LC Building in Garapan. The company also rents an apartment unit on the third floor of the same building.

LC Rental manages the LC Building and is responsible for collecting monthly rental payments from tenants. China Yanbian allegedly does not have a written lease agreement with LC Rental.

Byung Deuk Lee is the president of China Yanbian. Byung Deuk Lee's son, Sang Hun Lee, is the organizing member of LC Rental Company.

Sang Hun Lee was the manager of the two restaurants until March or April 2016, when Byung Deuk Lee removed him from China Yanbian, according to court documents.

According to court documents, Sang Hun Lee claimed that he is a member of LC Rental Company LLC, and an officer of China Yanbian.

Byung Deuk Lee is the same Korean businessman who was allegedly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and figured before in a legal dispute with some family members.

Last Sept. 22, China Yanbian, through counsel Colin Thompson, filed a motion

to set aside the default judgment. LC Rental opposed the motion.

Camacho heard the motion last Sept. 30. Petersburg and Bruce Berline appeared as counsel for LC Rental.

Attorneys Janet H. King and Daniel Guidotti appeared as counsel for China Yanbian. Guidotti appeared for Thompson.

China Yanbian argued that the default judgment must be set aside since the company was not properly served with the summons and complaint.

LC Rental argued that China Yanbian was properly served pursuant to the Holdover Tenancy Act.

In granting the motion to set aside the default judgment, Camacho said only one attempt at service was made on July 21, 2016. He said the documents were merely given to waitress/cook Wu Shun Yu and were not posted in the premises.

Camacho said Yu does not have sufficient "authority with the organization" to be considered a "managing or general agent."

The judge said the law requires at least two attempts at service prior to posting the summons and complaint, and since this was not done here, the requirements of the Holdover Tenancy Act were not met.

Camacho said after serving the summons and complaint by posting the documents at the premises, the landlord must then provide two pre-stamped envelopes to the clerk of court, so that the documents can be mailed to the tenant.

"None of these additional steps were taken," the judge noted.

LC Rental, Camacho said, simply attempted service one time at the premises and did not actually follow through with the rest of the steps required by the Holdover Tenancy Act. Thus, Camacho said, the additional requirements of the Holdover Tenancy Act were also not met.

Case vs alien charged with misrepresenting he's entering CNMI for vacation dismissed

The federal court dismissed yesterday the case against an alien charged with illegal entry into the U.S. by misrepresenting that he was entering the CNMI for a vacation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the case against Yue Qiu without prejudice at the U.S. government's request.

Dismissal without prejudice means the prosecution may refile the case in the future.

In the U.S. government's motion, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe said Rule 48 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure requires courts to "grant leave to the government to dismiss an indictment, information, or complaint unless dismissal is clearly contrary to manifest public interest."

Manglona ordered all items seized from Qiu be returned to him, including Qiu's passport.

The jury trial set for Nov. 15, 2016, was vacated.

At yesterday's conference, defense counsel Bruce Berline did not object to the motion to dismiss and requested the U.S. government to return Qiu's personal belongings.

Backe said there were issues regarding some of the items and that the release would be up to Homeland Security Investigations.

Backe stated he would do his best to facilitate the process.

Berline further argued that

the release of the items should be expedited and sent via Federal Express.

According to the information, on Sept. 15, 2016, Qiu, an alien, "attempted to enter and obtained entry into the U.S. by a willfully false and misleading representation."

Qiu allegedly misrepresented that he was entering the CNMI for purposes of vacation. No other details were provided in the information.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

Cornerstone Church celebrates alternative Halloween



Youth of Cornerstone Church compete for a best pose competition during the church's alternative Halloween on event Oct. 31, 2016.

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Cornerstone Church held an alternate Halloween celebration last Monday, Oct. 31, highlighting the aspects of living, in contrast to the actual holiday that sometimes is depicted as honoring death.

The organizing of the event was the responsibility of the As Perdido church's own women's ministry.

Guests participated in an opening prayer led by pastor Femie Rey, received a special message from senior pastor Manuelito Rey, then followed

it up with games hosted by different ministry groups within the church. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions and food was sold on site.

Laarni Calibo, one of the coordinating members of the women's ministry for Cornerstone, said, "Tonight we are celebrating a family fun night with our theme for this year being 'living the good life.' Every year we hold this family oriented event, not just for kids, but for everybody else who wishes to participate."

"The purpose of this event is to demonstrate that we all

know during Halloween, everyone is celebrating death. However, for us as a church, we have the responsibility to be the 'light' in this world so we counter the outside activities by holding events such as this and have members of our church dress up in costumes that promote life," Calibo said.

Kimberly Hipolito, one of the masters of ceremony, said, "I thought that the event was not just full of fun and games, but with the Bible trivia going on, we were also learning. All in all, it's pretty fun seeing all the people gathered here. I

noticed we did not have much candy to give out but everyone seems to be enjoying the event so much that they don't seem to mind."

"I think it is important to have some sort of alternative Halloween because the holiday is seen as something scary, where the norm is to allow people, young and old, to dress in a sort of grotesque way, celebrating the negative aspects of being something else. What we're doing is just as important, where it is an alternative that just celebrates living and the joys that come with it," Hipolito said.

5 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged five Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, Puerto Rico dump, and Hopwood School beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained

excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

MVA's Tan pushes for enhancement of Rota, Tinian

Marianas Visitors Authority board member Jerry Tan brought up the idea of enhancing Rota and Tinian as unique destinations apart from Saipan in order to improve the economic activity on the two neighboring islands.

During MVA's regular board meeting last Oct. 27, Tan said he wanted to see what the tourism body is committed to doing for the

improvements of Rota and Tinian as a destination.

"I was mentioning the kind of development that we are experiencing on Saipan, and thought it's time for MVA to also examine the potential and opportunity of Rota and Tinian as tourist destinations," said Tan. "If we are able to make Rota and Tinian offer a great experience for our tourists, it makes the CNMI a better des-

tinuation overall, because we can offer three islands instead of one. That would differentiate us from Guam, and bring us closer to destinations such as Hawaii. We have that opportunity, so it makes sense for the CNMI as an overall destination."

Tan cited the problems that are being experienced here on Saipan—traffic, inadequate infrastructure, power gen-

eration, and inadequate hotel room supply—and mentioned that Rota and Tinian could provide possible solutions.

Tan also mentioned that a tour package offer to Chinese and Russian tourists seems sensible since they usually stay for about six to seven days and three to four days, respectively.

Also, by bringing tourists to these islands, they will get to appreciate Rota's and Tinian's natural beauty, Tan said.

To tackle the transportation problems, Tan thinks MVA must first invest on Rota and Tinian before airlines could start offering flights to and from the two islands.

MVA board member Vince

Calvo agreed with Tan's push for the development of Rota and Tinian as a tourist destination.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said that MVA would be producing a master plan wherein Rota, Tinian, and maybe even the Northern Islands would be included. *(Erwin Encinares)*

Fernandez eyes overall improvement

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez has appointed Manny Castro as enrollment director, while announcing many facility improvements at the college during a board meeting last Oct. 28.

Fernandez told the NMC Board of Regents that the decision was made with the intent to reactivate the recruitment team.

"We intend to get our recruitment team to get activated again, and we plan to make a big push to increase enrollment for the school semester," said Fernandez. "I think everyone will pitch in to help with that effort. We need to do everything that we can in our part, not only to increase enrollment but to address retention. For this, we really want to be graduating many more people this spring. Those are our imme-

diate goals for enrollment."

Along with the emphasis on enrollment, Fernandez discussed improvements to NMC's facilities. Fernandez wants space in the NMC campus for student-faculty interactions in a confidential setting.

"I also directed for the School of Education to build offices. There are eight faculties and they are all sharing four offices. That's an urgency brought to my attention. The faculty must have a private space to meet with their students, so that project is ongoing now and should be complete very soon," she said.

Other facility changes include the moving of the testing center to a larger building to enable NMC to accommodate even more students.

"Other major activities are the moving of the testing cen-

ter from Building I to N-5. A team got together and talked about the space needs and the fact that we needed a bigger place for testing. The team agreed that this was a good move," said Fernandez.

The NMC testing center serves as the NMC Saipan campus venue for tests such as ACT, GRE General and subject tests, LSAT, MPRE, Praxis I & II, SAT I & II, SSAT, TOEFL, and PAN (TSA)

The NMC cafeteria, which was damaged by Typhoon Soudelor, was recently renovated and is now in the process of being redesigned.

"Our café, we call it 'Point Break' here, is under renovation. I have a nice team of NMC PROA's working on a theme, to really make the café more inviting and enticing for our students and everyone," said Fernandez. *(Erwin Encinares)*

Fee waivers for NMC workshop participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC spring 2016 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

The free workshops will be held at the NMC campus on Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshop at 12pm.

The workshop aims to assist students and their parents

in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The Cash for College workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant, and more.

Although not required, it is

recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2015 1040 tax form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

Water outage in Achugao, San Roque, Tanapag

Residents of Achugao, San Roque, and Tanapag on Saipan are currently experiencing a temporary water service outage due to a leak on a 12-inch water main, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Water operations personnel are currently addressing the issue. Repairs are anticipated to be completed last night and customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services this morning as per water schedule hours.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor their Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). *(CUC)*

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SOME CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY

BECQ comes under fire at Rotary meeting

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What started as a normal presentation by a Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality official turned complicated when Rotarians begin sharing their concerns about several developmental issues on island.

Erin Derrington, permanent manager for the bureau's Division of Coastal Resources Management, was supposed to talk about BECQ's permitting process during a Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Saipan. In

her presentation, she said that they're currently involved in some regulatory updates.

"Some of the issues that were raised in conversation today were issues of stormwater, sediment management, and those are issues that BECQ is diligently working to address on both sides of the house," Derrington said. "An organization like the Division of Environmental Quality has more specific programs that could attend to the sediment control, earth-moving issues, and water quality directly. We actually work really closely with them. We're sis-

ter agencies under the same bureau, and we're trying to implement best practices as we are able to based on science that will be good for the community developments in the long run."

"It feels very encouraging to be receiving these passionate feedbacks. It means that the community is taking a vested interest in the management of these resources. It may be a little hard to take criticism, but it is constructive and there is always room for improvement," Derrington said.

One Rotarian said, "You can look into these storm

drains right now and you can see all kinds of crops growing in them. ...There was a leak in Truong's parking lot for two months. I contacted both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Saipan World Resort but nothing really happened so I jack-hammered the parking lot up. Guess what I found—a high voltage line in a lateral trench, with World Resort's water pipe through it. That's illegal, you can kill people."

"No disrespect to you [Derrington] but I'm not seeing any impact here. You've got all these agencies and stuff

but nothing is being done," the Rotarian added.

BECQ will have a public notice period until Dec. 12 and will be holding a public meeting on Nov. 16 at 5pm in their building to solicit comments and talk a little more

about proposed changes. Several regulatory updates include streamlining the permitting process, finding ways to make things easier for people to build homes or to farm, and also encourage better building practices.

Govt releases list of legal holidays

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres released a list of legal holidays for 2017.

There are six legal holidays left for the year with a long weekend this Friday for the Nov. 4 Citizenship Day. Next week's general election, Nov. 8, is also a legal holiday to allow employees to vote.

Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day), Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 8 (Constitution Day), and Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) are the remaining holidays for 2016.

He also released the list of legal holidays for 2017 starting with New Year's Day on

Jan. 1 followed by the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 16. President's Day is on Feb. 20, while March 24 is Commonwealth Covenant Day.

Good Friday will be on April 14, with Memorial Day on May 29 and July 4 is Independence Day. Sept. 4 is Labor Day and the Commonwealth Cultural Day on Oct. 9.

Nov. 4, 11, and 23, are Citizenship Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving, respectively. Dec. 8 is the commemoration of Constitution Day and Christmas on Dec. 25. **(Jon Perez)**

Manglona summons probationer anew

The U.S. Probation Office has requested the federal court to revoke again the supervised release of probationer Ryan Taitano Babauta after he was arrested last month for domestic violence.

At the U.S. Probation's request, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona summoned Babauta to appear in court on Nov. 7 at 1:30pm.

According to probation officer Gregory F. Arriola, Babauta was arrested last Oct. 3 by the police for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and domestic violence. Arriola said Babauta allegedly slapped the face of his sister during an argument over a car

at their home in Kagman II last Oct. 3.

According to a police report, the sister stated she lost her vision for a while and almost fell when Babauta slapped her in the face. She also stated that she felt dizzy and unable to hear for a short while.

She alleged that Babauta also tried to hit her with a broomstick but their mother and his girlfriend stopped him.

Babauta was arrested that day and was subsequently released. Last Oct. 5, Babauta told Arriola that he received a text message from his sister that she does not want to press charges against him.

Arriola said he contacted the Department of Public Safety's

Criminal Investigation Bureau detective Peter Aldan last Oct. 17 to verify the status of Babauta's case.

Arriola said Aldan advised that he needed to look into the matter and would provide him (Arriola) with an update at a later time. To date, Arriola said, he has not received an update from DPS.

On Dec. 29, 2015, Manglona revoked Babauta's supervised release and ordered him to spend six months in prison and six months of home detention for using methamphetamine or "ice" and violating other probation conditions.

Manglona placed Babauta on 40 months of supervised release, with credit for time served.

Babauta's fourth term of supervised release started on May 16, 2016.

The court revoked Babauta's probation at least twice in the past for "ice" use and for violating other probation conditions.

Babauta was one of seven prisoners who staged a 14-hour hostage drama at the Department of Corrections in Susupe in March 2009. At the time, he was serving a prison term for voluntary manslaughter over the killing of a Bangladeshi national in Chalan Kanoa.

In August 1999, the court slapped Babauta with a 180-month prison sentence and five years of supervised release, for hostage taking and felon in possession of a firearm. **(Ferdie dela Torre)**

PAL donates roundtrip ticket to foundation

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The Make-a-Wish Foundation, which helps make the wishes of children come true, received a roundtrip ticket from Philippine Airlines last Oct. 28 to help with their many noble endeavors.

"Philippine Airlines, for which we are the general sales agent, is donating a roundtrip ticket, I believe, to the Philippines. That however, is just an

incentive solely for the children that want to see something outside Saipan," said TanHoldings corporate consultant David M. Sablan.

TanHolding is the mother company of Century Travel, which is the general sales agent of Philippine Airlines in the CNMI.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation fulfills the wishes of children with health and medical issues. According to Sablan, the foundation originated in Ari-

zona among a group of firemen. They heard about several children whose life expectancies were greatly reduced due to illness or circumstance. The firemen raised money to accommodate the needs of the children in order for them to comfortably live while they are alive.

Sablan said he was involved in introducing the foundation to Saipan close to 16 or 17 years ago. "I raised money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation children who were here. At first I

had a gala dinner where I raised \$30,000. The following year, I brought the founder of Make-a-Wish Foundation and raised \$34,000 and thereafter, the program continued," Sablan said.

"I, and the foundation, are greatly honored for not only the donation we received today from Philippine Airlines, but everyone else who has supported us throughout the years. Helping children who do not have the privilege of living a prolonged life, that's basically what the Make-a-Wish Foundation is all about," he added.

NMC

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Senior Commission.

In order to comply for accreditation, a few board policies had to be amended, one of which was the selection of a new board member where the "Regent Nominating Committee" was formed to help identify, recruit, evaluate, and nominate qualified individuals to the NMC Board of Regents.

Fernandez has been working with NMC Accreditation Liaison officer Dr. Brady Hammond to address these changes while keeping in contact with the Senior Commission.

"I have been meeting with Dr. Brady Hammond. Brady has really done a good job in

reviewing, evaluating, bringing forward, and communicating with our staff liaison at the commission to be able to... come with what is required for us to secure our accreditation, to really be able to ensure that we are in full compliance during our accreditation visit," said Fernandez.

"Certainly, I have looked at what Dr. Brady has proposed, and just really added some more supportive measures to ensure that...we cover all bases. Again, I would like to mention that the three major areas of concern are: the regent nominating committee, the committee structure, and the assurance that there is a standard process for filling board vacancies and that it is in compliance with the law," Fernandez said.

VOTING

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voting. In that election, 591 voted on Saipan, 29 on Tinian, and 36 on Rota, for a total of 656 early voters.

As of 11pm yesterday, there were already 120 who have voted at the Multi-Purpose Center.

A check by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday morning and afternoon showed no long lines at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Igitol said there was no crowding in the morning as voters came slowly and not en masse.

"It's slow. It's good for us. I think people know already that early voting is seven days," Igitol said.

Igitol said they have not heard of any problem with the early voting on Tinian and Rota.

CEC expected a large turnout at yesterday's start of early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Jennifer Cabrera, a voter from Precinct 5 or the Kagman area, said it's her first time to try early voting after learning about this program.

Cabrera said she is glad that CEC changed the way of voting.

"It's easier and faster," she said.

Raymond Peter, 26, an aircraft service agent, said it's his second time to avail of the early voting program.

"Early voting is better. It's fast and there are less people," said Peter, who is a voter of Precinct 3A or the San Jose area.

The second day of early voting will continue today, Wednesday, from 8:30am to 4pm.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans Week proclamation signing

To all veterans, active and reserve military members, their families, family members of those departed veterans, the local marine scouts and the public are all invited to come and join us for the signing of this proclamation on Nov. 7, 2016, (Monday) at the Office of the Governor's conference room at 10am as we celebrate the Veterans Week of Nov. 7-11, 2016.

On Nov. 11, 2016, we will be celebrating Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park's court of honor at 11am.

Keynote speaker will be Brig. Gen. Stephen K. Curda, commanding general. Please come and join us for this special Veterans Day celebration. **(PR)**

Calling all Vietnam veterans

This is to inform all Vietnam veterans that if you are on active duty from Nov. 1, 1955, to July 25, 1975, you are considered a Vietnam veteran regardless of location. Meeting that was held on Oct. 28, 2016, at Veterans of Foreign Wars at 6pm will have a make-up date on Nov. 7, 2016, at the same place and same time.

This meeting will discuss the upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony, which includes the issuance of the lapel pin and other recognition. Should you have any question, call Mac Chargualaf at 285-1948 or call the Saipan's Mayor's Office 234-6208. Please leave your name and contact number. **(PR)**

BECQ Brigade eyes Tank Beach

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at the Tank Beach in Kagman on Saturday, Nov. 5,

2016, at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Tank Beach parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. **(BECQ)**

'Diabetes awareness a continuous effort'

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Diabetes awareness is a continuous effort, said Maria Malua T. Peter, with various agencies working together to combat this non-communicable disease that has become the scourge in the CNMI. The program does not end after the signing of a proclamation or the month-long activities of the annual event end.

"It is not like after the proclamation then we leave it here. We must make sure it is a continuous effort where we need to follow up on the programs that are in place. It does not end here," said Peter, chairperson of the CNMI Diabetes Coalition, in Monday's proclamation signing declaring November

as Diabetes Prevention and Awareness Month.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed one of two proclamations at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capitol Hill, the other declaring November as National Family Caregivers Month.

Peter said the proclamation should serve as a constant reminder of diabetes and its effects on the community. "The proclamation serves as a reminder of this particular issue. We must continue to work together."

"We must all take part and do our share. If we fail, we fail together. As much as possible we want all to be healthy and have an active lifestyle. To be responsible and mindful of what eat. We

must show good examples and walk the talk," she said.

While people in the community love to eat, there are a lot of healthier food choices like fresh vegetables, fish, and fruits that could be served in beach parties and other gatherings, Peter said.

She said that they also started the "Water, Water, Water" campaign at the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service program where they serve bottled water instead of soda and sugar-filled drinks.

Diabetes has become a common non-communicable diseases in the CNMI where one in eight adults are diagnosed with diabetes or high sugar level. There is also a

high rate among the elderly and the indigenous population, the Chamorros and Carolinians.

Data collected by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Center for Dialysis showed a 126-percent increase in its newly registered renal dialysis patients in 2012 compared to the previous year.

Majority of patients suffer from Type II diabetes that is characterized by high blood sugar, insulin resistance or

lack of it, with increased thirst, frequent urination, and unexplained weight loss as the most common symptoms.

Diabetes also leads to kidney failure, blindness, amputation, and one of the contributors of heart attacks, strokes, and hypertension.

Making healthier food choices, daily exercise, and maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle are some of the ways to prevent and combat non-communicable disease in the CNMI.

The World Health Organization has also released a

report last year where non-communicable diseases like diabetes were the cause of 75 percent of deaths in the Pacific. Forty-seven percent of people with diabetes have lost their sight and an estimated 17 percent require amputations.

The NCD Bureau, headed by acting administrator Becky Robles, along with the Ayuda Network, CHCC, the CNMI Diabetes Coalition, and the Division of Public Health are some of the agencies that have been at the forefront of combating diabetes and other NCDs in the Commonwealth.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Community School students who won in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association meet held last Oct. 22 at Hopwood Jr. High School join their coach Ashley Sikayun at the stage of the Saipan Community Church chapel last Friday.

SCS lauds NJSDA winners

Saipan Community School lauded the school's winners in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association meet held on Oct. 22 at Hopwood Jr. High School. The winners were called to the stage of the Saipan Community Church chapel with their coach Ashley Sikayun last Friday where they were cheered by the school's students and faculty.

The list of the winners is as follows:

■ 1st Place Impromptu A -

Maxine Rabago

■ 2nd Place Prose Masters A - Maxine Rabago

■ 1st Place Storytelling A - Shaina Lee

■ 1st Place Storytelling B - James Park

■ 1st Place Poetry Masters B - James Park

■ 2nd Place Storytelling B - Vinson Bacani

■ 2nd Place Prose Masters B - Vinson Bacani

■ 3rd Place Storytelling B - Seung Won Lee

■ 3rd Place Prose A - Miku Torres

■ 4th Place Impromptu A - Jesus Sablan

■ 4th Place Poetry B - Seo Young Baek

■ 4th Place Prose C - Michelle Ryu

■ 4th Place Impromptu D - Tina Zhen

■ 5th Place Poetry Masters A - Mark Nam

■ 5th Place Prose Masters A - Seung Jin Lee

■ 5th Place Storytelling A - Angel Ren

■ 5th Place Prose C - Daniel Kang. (PR)

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-001 - Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

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3 NMC nursing grads pass NCLEX

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REPORTER

Three Northern Marianas College graduates from the Class of 2016 just passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Joseph Jucutan, Mindy Jung, and Salvi Villanueva—who all took the exams at different times—have all passed the NCLEX, joining the ranks of NMC alumni passers before them.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez was happy with the results.

"I am proud of our students who have reached this important milestone in their lives, and I am also proud of the faculty and staff of NMC who have helped them throughout their educational journey," said Fernandez.

NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa Tudela said the three were diligent, even as students.

"When they were students, I had an opportunity to see

Joseph, Mindy, and Salvi apply their nursing knowledge and skills gained throughout their training in the care of their assigned patients," said Tudela. "They all demonstrated safe nursing practices under my supervision, and I am quite pleased with their progress and growth throughout the semesters."

"After graduation, they pursued studying for the NCLEX-RN exam, and I am very happy and proud that... they passed the [exam] and are now licensed to practice as registered nurses in the CNMI. Congratulations and well done!"

Jucutan said that passing the NCLEX is his first step.

"I like being able to help people. This is a step into my master plan of accomplishing my bigger goal in life," he said.

Jung owed it all to NMC and felt grateful toward the college for equipping her with the knowledge to pass.

"I had the opportunity to take a [Certified Nursing Assistant] program, and through

that program, I realized how being able to help someone get better makes me feel delighted and accomplished," said Jung. "Without the knowledge and skills that I gained from the NMC Nursing Program, it would have been unimaginable for me to pass the exam."

Villanueva shared the same sentiments.

"The volume of work we had to endure throughout nursing school definitely prepared me mentally to study on my own for the exam when I had finally graduated. My instructors were there for me whenever I needed them and had questions. NMC did a great job with making sure that we were ready for what was to come," he said.

The NCLEX-RN is the exam nursing graduates in the CNMI have to pass in order to be able to practice nursing. The exam tests the knowledge, skills, and abilities of nursing graduates in order to certify that they are equipped with the capability to apply entry level nursing practices correctly.

Ayuda lines up slew of events for November

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Ayuda Network Inc. has lined up several events for November, which is National Family Caregivers Month and National Diabetes Awareness Month. The Commonwealth Respite Service Program and other agencies from the government and private sector are Ayuda's partners for the programs.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the two proclamations on Monday to kick off the monthlong activities. A radio talk show segment is scheduled on Nov. 3, 10, 11, and 17 to raise awareness on diabetes and respite care.

Caregivers and volunteer respite providers will have a whole day CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first aid training on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Northern Marianas College's room D1. A day of prayer is set the following day, Nov. 6.

One in eight adults in the

CNMI has been diagnosed with diabetes—an illness that causes one to experience a high sugar level—that leads to kidney failure, blindness, amputation aside from being a contributor to heart attack, stroke, and hypertension.

A three-day fundraising softball tournament is scheduled on the Veteran's Day weekend starting Nov. 11, Friday, and stretches to the championship game on Sunday, Nov. 13. All games will be played at the Capital Hill ballfield. The tournament aims to raise money to buy Thanksgiving Day baskets to be given away to family caregivers.

Organizers have also scheduled a two-day outreach blood screening at the Governor's Office on Nov. 16 and at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on Nov. 17.

The Garapan Central Park in China Town will be the venue for the Stress-Free Holiday Fair on Nov. 19 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm where family

caregivers will enjoy stress-reducing activities in time for the holiday and the spirit of Thanksgiving.

The Don't Be a Turkey Walk is another fundraising activity on Nov. 26 with Mobil as sponsor. The walk starts at 5am from Minatchom Atdao going to Quartermaster Road and back.

Nov. 29 and 30 will be the Diabetes and Family Caregivers Symposium from 7am to 4:30pm at the Saipan World Resort. Issues concerning diabetes and how caregivers can approach the disease will be discussed in the two-day symposium.

Organizers are still looking for sponsor that can help them raise or shoulder \$3,000 for the symposium, where they had already invited a number of middle and high school students to participate.

For more information, call the Ayuda Network at 322-7469 or email them at ayudanet1@ayuda-cnmi.org or crsp.ayudanet@gmail.com.

Weak tropical disturbance east of Marianas

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, a tropical disturbance to the east of Guam is moving toward the Marianas. A brief period of drier weather will continue over the islands through Tuesday afternoon with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms returning to the region.

A weak tropical disturbance

remains east of the Marianas.

Locally, heavy showers are possible as this system progresses. This wet pattern could persist through Thursday. This system will continue to be monitored over the next few days as it continues to move west-northwestward.

While this disturbance is not expected to bring tropical storm conditions to the Marianas, the Emergency Operations Center is advising residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to maintain neces-

sary precautionary measures for heavy rain showers and to also stay informed on the latest statements and advisories which will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call CNMI Emergency Operations Center at 237-8000 or 664-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact the Emergency Operations Center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. **(EOC)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-002 - Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

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Gardener gets 3 months for punching wife's face

A hotel gardener accused of twice punching his common-law wife in the face during an argument over his missing car keys pleaded guilty on Monday and was slapped with a three-month prison term.

Mark Alan Palacios Camacho, 31, pleaded guilty to assault and battery (domestic violence) as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced Camacho to one year in prison, all suspended except for three months. He was given credit for 106 days of time served and was placed on two years of supervised probation.

Camacho was ordered to attend alcohol counseling and batterers' intervention and any other recommended counseling by the Office of Adult Probation. He was required to complete 100 hours of community service, stay current on child support payments, and pay \$200 in probation fee and \$25 in court assessment fee.

During his probation, Camacho is prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

As part of the plea deal, the remaining charges against Camacho were dropped.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Camacho.

According to police, Camacho punched the victim in the face on June 19, 2016, causing swelling and bleeding to her face. Police said the beating happened at the victim's parents' house in Kagman. The victim's nose was bleeding and her lower lip sustained a small cut. Her lips were swollen, police said.

Police detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that two police officers responded after the victim called 911 for police's assistance. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



WISH DONATION

Philippine Airlines makes a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in support of the 4th Annual CNMI Wish Night. This year's Wish Night will occur on Nov. 10, 6pm at the Hyatt SandCastle and is themed black ties and zories!

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Man is found using 'ice' again; violated other probation terms

Justin A. Funkugub, an ex-convict who was slapped in 2012 with a 24-month prison term and placed on supervised release for his conviction on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm, was allegedly found using methamphetamine again and having violated other terms of his probation.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a summons for Funkugub to appear at a hearing and explain why his supervised release should not be revoked.

According to Arriola, Funkugub admitted to using "ice" on Oct. 4 and 5, 2016, and submitted a diluted urine sample last Oct. 6. He also failed to report for a drug test last Oct. 1 and failed to follow the probation officer's instructions last Oct. 3.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday granted Arriola's request and sum-

moned Funkugub.

When confronted with the results of drug test last Oct. 6, Funkugub denied using illegal drugs, Arriola said. Last Oct. 7 Funkugub reported to the U.S. Probation Office for a noncompliance meeting during which he admitted to using "ice" due to personal issues.

In November 2012, Manglona sentenced Funkugub to 24 months in prison for the offense of felon in possession of a firearm. He was given credit for 40 days of time served.

Funkugub was found in possession of a Smith & Wesson Model 12-3, .38 caliber snub-nosed revolver that had an obliterated serial number.

In February 2015, Manglona revoked Funkugub's supervised release for admitting to drug use on multiple occasions and his failure to report for drug testing and counseling sessions. He was ordered to serve three months in prison, followed by a 33-month

term of supervised release.

His second term of supervised release commenced on May 16, 2015.

In July 2015, U.S. Probation found out that the defendant used "ice" on two separate occasions and failed to report to several counseling sessions. The court did not revoke his probation as he was compliant and also taking care of his sick uncle.

Last May, U.S. Probation found out that Funkugub failed to attend a counseling session, failed to report to two drug tests, failed to follow probation officer's instructions, and admitted to "ice" use last June 7.

Last June, Manglona sentenced him to three days of time served, followed by a 27-month of supervised release.

Funkugub was ordered to serve six months under home detention. His supervision is set to expire on Sept. 9, 2018. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-004

Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service
Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: October 24, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby issuing the following amendment to CUC-RFP-17-004:

➤ WAIVER OF RFP PACKAGE FEE:

The \$200.00 fee payment requirement to obtain an RFP Package has been waived. Registered Prospective Offerors that registered before October 24, 2016 will receive a full reimbursement by CUC. Please contact Marcela Tenorio via e-mail address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org for assistance in obtaining a reimbursement.

/s/ GARY P. CAMACHO
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-004

Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets
at Power Plants 1 and 4

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced contractors, including their local authorized representatives for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of one (1) each 750 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base and one (1) each 200 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 4, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the Diesel Generating Sets and work within the specified time frame.

CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's station service power supply requirements at Power Plant No. 1 and 4.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 and 4 facilities will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal, though it is not a mandatory requirement.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-004 - Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power plants 1 and 4" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-RFP-17-006

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, elevator system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **November 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-17-006 - Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 10, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water-Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-008

BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC's chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-008, Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. *Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Two alleged 'ice' sources and 2 alleged traffickers arrested

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Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, backed by a Customs K-9 Unit, arrested on Thursday and Friday four persons, including two alleged main distributors of methamphetamine or "ice" during a buy-bust operation and a raid at a residence on Navy Hill, Saipan.

DETF said they seized "ice" from the suspects, who are all Chinese nationals. Cheng Duo Zhang, 40, and Fu Le Li, 29, Ying Li, 31, and Hong Hue Jin, 50, were taken to Superior Court Monday on charges of trafficking of a controlled substance, conspiracy to commit trafficking of a controlled substance, and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Zhang, a hotel maintenance worker, is also known as Older Brother. Fu Le Li, a former construction worker, is also known as Brother.

Ying Li, a former restaurant waitress, is also known as Sister. Jin is a former nightclub waitress, according to court documents.

A \$200,000 cash bail was each imposed on Zhang and Fu Le Li, and \$100,000 cash each on Ying Li and Jin. Assistant public defender

Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Zhang, while private counsels will be appointed for the remaining three defendants.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 10 at 9am.

DETF officers Rudolph C. Sablan Jr. and Joe O. Fitial stated in their separate report that conducted a controlled "buy-bust" operation in Garapan last Thursday.

Sablan and Fitial said they utilized a cooperating defendant to purchase "ice" from a Chinese woman known as Sister. They said Sister was later identified as Ying Li.

During the transaction, Li allegedly contacted her female roommate, identified as defendant Jin.

The cooperating defendant allegedly managed to purchase \$790 worth of "ice" from Li and Jin inside a car in the parking lot behind T-Galleria/Best Sunshine Live in Garapan.

After the cooperating defendant sent a message that the transaction was done, the authorities moved in and arrested Li and Jin.

Sablan and Fitial said they recovered two baggies containing a total of 2.6 gross grams of "ice" from the cooperating defendant and

inside the passenger side of Li's vehicle.

During the search, Jin's purse was found to contain six baggies of 7.8 gross grams of "ice" while Li's cellphone had a baggie of 1.2 gross grams of "ice."

Sablan said Li confessed she has been an "ice" user for a month now and that her friend, identified as Brother (Fu Le Li), is her source.

Li said she and Brother arrived on Saipan at the same time.

Li said she would order half a gram to a gram of "ice" from Brother at the latter's house on Navy Hill.

Li said Brother stays with three other Chinese men at a two-story concrete house on upper Navy Hill.

Li disclosed that Brother lives with another "ice" distributor known as Older Brother (Zhang).

Li confessed that Brother and Older Brother are one of the main distributors for "ice" who hide at least 100 to 200 grams of "ice" inside their house or in surrounding areas.

After obtaining a search warrant, authorities on Friday raided the Brothers' house and arrested Zhang and Fu Le Li.

During the sweep, authorities found 15.4 gross grams of "ice" inside a container in the kitchen. Drug paraphernalia were also recovered.

TO FINALLY DISPOSE OF JUNK CARS

Saipan Mayor's Office, Basula Produkto ink MOU

By **MICHAEL T. SANTOS**
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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office has inked a memorandum with Basula Produkto Recycling to finally rid the island of junk cars that have become eyesores.

The memorandum of agreement, signed last Oct. 25, calls for Basula Produkto to pick up cars and scrap metal around the island, haul and deliver them to the recycling company's scrap metal yard, and develop an electronic database for recording type of scrap metal and junk cars delivered.

The mayor's office should also comply with Basula Produkto's requirements as to what may be delivered to the junkyard, coordinate with the recycling company to ensure the organization has the capacity to receive scrap metal, and expend reasonable effort to assist the recycling company to obtain written authorization from the Department of Pub-

lic Works to permit Basula Produkto to dispose of debris collected without imposition of the commercial fee.

Basula Produkto is responsible for using its Lower Base yard to receive and store junk cars and scrap metal delivered by the mayor's office, continue to receive scrap metal until it no longer has the capacity to do so, and also must develop an electronic database to record metals received.

Basula Produkto must notify the mayor's office 72 hours in advance if storage has reached its maximum occupancy to refuse any more debris and are solely responsible for stripping off car parts and disposing of trash.

Henry Hofschneider, special assistant to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, said, "In order for us to take a look at an automobile, haul, and dispose it, a person must call us at our telephone number. They can just give information, such as their name, phone number, and street ad-

dress, over the phone; they don't have to come here. We can send someone out there to look at the car and we'll need to make sure that whoever is calling to pick it up should own it."

Hofschneider said, "Those cars that zoning has tagged, and the period has lapsed for the owner to come in and claim it isn't an abandoned car, we will pick up the vehicles."

"The mayor's office is allowed to use its equipment to pick up scrap metal and junk cars for private individuals. For businesses, the local law allows us to charge a fee equivalent to what a private company is charging."

According to Hofschneider, they will not be collecting any other form of scrap metal other than automobiles due to the scrap yard being owned by Basula Produkto Recycling. If Basula wishes to collect other forms of metals, the mayor's office is more than happy to comply.



Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students and school board chair Edward Maratita Jr. pose for a souvenir photo with U.S. Attorney for the CNMI and Guam Alicia Limtiaco. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ESFDB takes part in Red Ribbon Week activities

In celebration of National Red Ribbon Week, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja kicked off its 10th year of promoting a drug-free campus and drug-free community.

The theme for this year is “YOLO (You Only Live Once), Be Drug Free.” This year’s Red Ribbon Week took place on Oct. 23-31.

This school year, the school’s Student Council Organization spearheaded the Red Ribbon Week campaign led by student council president Jeremy John Atalig II.

“Our Red Ribbon Week activities basically started Oct. 16 that included an educational outreach at the Guam Micronesia Mall center court, and about a dozen organizations took the opportunity to spread the anti-drug message,” said Atalig. “We believe it is more important than ever to promote healthy life choices and the recognition of the dangers of substance use and abuse.”

“Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy, drug-free lifestyles,” said ESFDB administrator-principal Carmen H. Atalig. “The campaign brings together parents, schools, and businesses as we look for innovative ways to keep kids and communities drug free.”

The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers in Mexico.

“Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon, which commemorates the life of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. It is seen as a symbol of raising awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs,” said event coordinator and class adviser Edward Maratita Jr.

The Student Council Organization had numerous activities to promote the message of Red Ribbon Week: wearing red ribbons, roadside waving and campaigning, speaking to students about the importance of making drug-free lifestyle commitments, watching a movie about the story of Camarena, and a rosary prayer.

In addition, the school is celebrating its anti-bullying month. The campaign is held in October and is also on its 10th year at ESFDB.

This year’s theme is “The End of Bullying Begins With Me!”

What a great way to combine and celebrate both anti-drug and anti-violence/bullying programs. The Student Council officers and I remind every students of the importance of pledging to be drug-free and violent-free,” said Atalig. “We need not only stomp out drug bullies but also school bullies.” (ESFDB)

ESFDB students take part in Guam outreach

During Red Ribbon Week, people and communities unite and take a stand against drugs through the symbol of the red ribbon on Oct. 23-31, 2016.

The theme for this year’s Red Ribbon Week: YOLO (You Only Live Once): Be Drug Free.

Before Red Ribbon Week kickoff at Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, a few students were invited by the Guam Red Ribbon Campaign Committee to take part in an outreach at the Micronesia Mall on Oct. 16. The students’ display depicted the drug problems on Rota and the CNMI.

“I would like to thank the

Rota Health Center, Rota Department of Public Safety, and the Rota Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for helping the students with their project for the display,” said board chair and class adviser Edward C. Maratita Jr.

Aside from the display, the students performed a song number, *I Will D.A.R.E.* by Teresa Jennings. The song was written for a popular drug prevention program called Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

“I really appreciate the Luta community living in Guam for showing up at the Micronesia Mall to support the students,” said ESFDB administrator-

principal Carmen H. Atalig.

The students also had the opportunity to meet Alicia Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The students that took part of the Guam Red Ribbon Week Educational Outreach Display are Edward U. Maratita III, Autumn Pasensia T. Hocog, Eclair Marj M. Ladao, Kaitlyn Amber I. Balgoa, Michael Jon T. Cantil, John Kent DLC. Clitar, Auston E. Guiawan, Jeremy John Atalig II, and Marvin Dlc. Clitar.

The delegates were accompanied by Atalig and Maratita Jr. (ESFDB)



Students display their Red Ribbon banner during their roadside campaign and waving. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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IN THE MATTER
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AKA:
"Tun Manet Sheriff";
Decedent.

Civil Action
No. 16-0209

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION and
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date: Nov. 17 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR
CREDITORS OF THE LATE MANUEL T. SABLAN OR OF HIS
ESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Robert R. Sablan, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Manuel T. Sablan aka: "Tun Manet Sheriff," Decedent. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by Robert R. Sablan, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to the their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Pacific Islands Club, Annex Room, San Antonio, Saipan.

AGENDA¹

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments²

III. New Business

1. Education Day Proclamation

2. Commissioner of Education

a. Applicant Interviews

b. Others

IV. Executive Session³

1. Legal Updates

2. Personnel/Certification

3. Other matters

V. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VI. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF
TWO (2) UNIT VEHICLES
PROJECT NO. IFB-002-17

INVITATION TO BID

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of two (2) unit vehicles: **2017 SUV** 4-cylinder, 5/door, All Wheel Drive, 6-speed automatic transmission, air-conditioning, power windows/doors, all other features as per factory specifications and white color for Saipan and Tinian Airports. Bidder shall take into consideration all charges associated with this procurement before finalizing its bid price.

Bidders shall guarantee delivery of the vehicles to CPA within 90 days from award of this bid and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted through the CPA Executive Director via email at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp prior to November 11, 2016.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Procurement and Delivery of two (2) unit vehicles, IFB-002-17". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, November 18, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. and publicly announced. Bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening. Bids submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any bids received after the bid submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the bid would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This Invitation for Bid shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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End the embargo on Cuba

There was a remarkable moment on the floor of the United Nations last week. As the General Assembly prepared for its annual vote to denounce the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power announced that for the first time, the U.S. would abstain rather than vote against it.

The U.S. has always voted “no” on this measure—every year for the 25 years that it’s come up. And this year’s abstention put the Obama administration in direct conflict with Congress, which has been the driving force behind the embargo for many years and insists on maintaining it. For the executive branch of the U.S. government to side with the United Nations General Assembly against the legislative branch of the U.S. government sends a powerful and controversial message—and, frankly, a long overdue one. Congress ought to take the hint and lift the embargo.

In place for more than a half-century, the embargo is a Cold War relic that long ago outlived whatever usefulness it might have had (if, indeed, it ever was useful). First imposed in 1960 by President Eisenhower, the embargo was made permanent by Congress in 1996 after Cuba shot down two small planes piloted by Miami-area anti-Castro activists who had been dropping pro-democracy leaflets over the island. The embargo today bars most trade between the U.S. and Cuba.

To its credit, the Obama administration has finally moved to normalize relations with Cuba, and has revised regulations to, among other things, allow direct commercial flights, reopen the American Embassy and legalize some commercial transactions that fall outside the congressional embargo. But ending the broader trade embargo, which has caused untold economic damage to the Cuban people without weakening the Castro regime’s political hold on the island, can only be done by Congress.

It’s unclear what the effect will be of the U.S. decision to abstain. It could play into perceptions on the right that the General Assembly is a forum for anti-Americanism and even a threat to U.S. sovereignty. Obama’s decision not to defend our country’s elected legislators in a disagreement with much of the rest of the world could lead the anti-Castro element in Congress to dig in its heels even deeper.

Alternately, Obama’s maneuver could further isolate Congress politically on this issue. Powers was careful to argue that by abstaining, the U.S. was not agreeing with the core element of the U.N. resolution, which frames the embargo as a violation of international law. Rather, she said—to robust cheers from the General Assembly—that the Obama administration recognizes the embargo as a failed policy. “Instead of isolating Cuba, as President Obama has repeatedly said, our policy isolated the United States,” said Powers.

Indeed, the final vote was 191 votes in favor of the non-binding resolution, with only the U.S. and Israel abstaining.

Cuba’s faults are many. It continues to violate the human rights of its citizens and to suppress political dissent. But it’s become abundantly clear that the embargo has done little, if anything, to compel change. The path forward is through engagement, not punitive isolation, and Congress must free itself from its Cold War blinders and end the embargo.

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What will Trump supporters do if he loses?

What will Donald Trump’s most ardent supporters do if he doesn’t win?

“They’ll be angry,” predicted Ken Shaw, a retired lawyer, as he waited for Trump in a gymnasium thronged with noisy supporters in Geneva, Ohio, last week. “They’ll never accept Hillary Clinton as president. They’ll know she couldn’t have won it fair and square. It could touch off a revolution.”

“Civil war,” a man standing next to Shaw chimed in. “Could be a civil war.”

“Could be,” Shaw agreed, nodding cheerfully.

The faithful who turn out for Trump’s rallies, waiting for hours to hear their champion give his rumbustious stump speech, hold to certain articles of faith.

One is that they are the majority of American voters, no matter what the “corrupt” polls say. Another is that the “corrupt” media are lying about nearly everything. Still another is that Clinton’s Democrats are already trying to steal the election with illegal voters and rigged election machines. And that Trump represents the last, best chance to save the country.

More than two-thirds of Trump voters believe the election returns could be manipulated, according to a Suffolk University/USA Today poll released last week. A significant number, 43 percent, say they won’t accept Clinton as a legitimate president if she wins. (Only 35 percent said they would accept her victory; the rest were undecided.)

“This is how Rome fell,” said Elva Daniels, a Pentecostal pastor from Vandalia. “And that’s why people will be angry if he doesn’t win.”

Mistrust of this sort isn’t new.

In 1964, amid an earlier conservative insurgency, historian Richard Hofstadter wrote a classic essay, “The Paranoid Style in American Politics.” Hofstadter wasn’t writing about mental illness, he explained, but “the use of paranoid modes of expression by more or less normal people.”

Its characteristics, he wrote, include a belief that the political system is rigged and that malign conspiracies are at work to thwart the popular will. That kind of thinking rises in “a confrontation of opposed interests which are (or are felt to be) totally irreconcilable, and thus by nature not susceptible to the normal political processes of bargain and compromise,” he wrote.

But in most campaigns, such sentiments belong to the fringe. This year, the Republican nominee has made them his central theme.

“It is a rigged system,” Trump told the faithful in the Ohio gymnasium. “Are you starting to agree with me about the rigged system?”

“Yes!” Shaw and others roared back.

“This is an election between the small handful of people who benefit from the corrupt system and the great majority of American citizens who are the victims of that same corrup-

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tion,” he went on. “Those who benefit from the corruption will say and do anything to keep it the way it is.”

In a speech earlier this month, Trump went farther, charging that Clinton “meets in secret with international banks to plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty in order to enrich these global financial powers, her special interest friends and her donors.”

Of course not all Trump supporters are ready to take down the system.

When I asked Trumpites in Ohio about former congressman Joe Walsh’s declaration that he would “grab his musket” if Clinton wins, most of them laughed or rolled their eyes.

“We have plenty of guns, that’s for sure,” said Jim Wood, who wore a brown baseball cap with the National Rifle Assn. logo. “But no.”

“We’ll investigate it,” said John Letki, a retired engineer from Rome, Ohio. “Congress ought to see if the election was fair. And if it was, that’s the way it is. We’ll live with it.”

Despite the predictions of a “revolution” or “civil war,” none of the two dozen people I interviewed said they were personally considering armed revolt as a real course of action. Their suggestions were considerably milder.

“He can contest it the way Gore did in 2000,” offered Tom Griggs, a Painesville steelworker.

“The Republican Party needs to clean house,” said Gary Mullins, a sign painter from Geneva. “They need to replace Paul Ryan.”

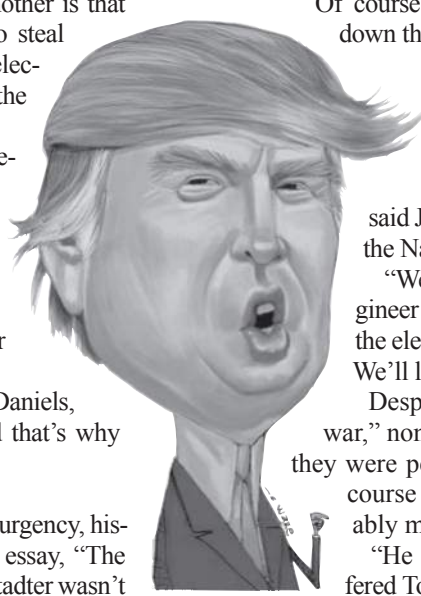
The future of Trump’s political career isn’t up to his supporters, though. It’s up to Trump to decide what he does next.

He’s never forsworn challenging the results, much less asking Congress to investigate reports of irregularities—a move Trump supporters will demand in any case.

And his campaign chairman, Stephen Bannon, who also runs the paranoid-style Breitbart News Network, has suggested that Trump intends to keep going after Election Day.

“Trump is a builder, and what he built is the underlying apparatus for a political movement that’s going to propel us to victory on Nov. 8 and dominate Republican politics after that,” Bannon told Bloomberg Business Week.

Having awakened such passion and created a movement that will look to him for leadership, it’s hard to imagine that Trump will simply fade away.



Minamahlau Kontra Marianas

Maripot gi gaseta ma-arrestan i MV *Luta* gi mapos na semana, i akusu ginen untat Takahasi Yamamoto na mafababague` ni salapeña \$3.4 miyon pesus.

Malista gi kehan kotten federat si Biktot Hokog, Bill Toelkes konsuttadotña, Fidel yan Adelina Mendiola yan famaguon niha, i batku mismu yan kompanian MV Luta Mermaid.

Mamahlau-yu` ni ripot gaseta pot finababa ni fumatta na tanu` saki` iya Marianas gi kometsianten ginen hiyuñg siha. Dispues para ta pañot i minamahlau `an tafana` otu siha mandañkulu na kometsianten?

Kontodu inañgoghu gi reputasion iya Marianas maliñgu sa` hinafut ni maripot na finababa kontra as Señor Yamamoto ginen Japon.

Ha pañgun kuestion i kehan Yamamoto tat kumu haye gi halum defendante mañuli` ginen \$3.4 miyon pesus na salape`? Kuantu kada unu ha chuli` yan manu `nai magasta? Yangin u fan masoda man-isau kau guaha salape` niha para uma-apase tatte gi Yamamoto?

Dispues, sen timana` tuñgu` si Yamamoto na guaha \$400,000 pesus para i batku. Haf` na mana`na` este na asunto kontra i prohimu? Na ti mañisiha gi kompania?

Ai na lamug balutan ya siempre umachalapun publikamiente ginen halum kotte chatdisposision i \$3.4 miyon pesus. Ai, tatnai in` hiñgog pot estorian atuli? Kau ti man-tinitinu hamyu pa`gu pot in` gulusuni sin in` rikonose pot ti a`asu?

Kutturan natibu

Sessu man-atotpi hit diniskutin kuttura. Lau haf` na kuttura ta sa-saňgan kau tradision pat modenu? Debi ta distiñgi kabales manu ta diskukuti. I tradision tineteka peska yan fangualuan. I modetnu` nai ta diñgu i hagas tradision ya ta mueba hit para i moseria.

Desde tatutuhun gi moseria dañkulu na tinilaika fuma-toigue hit kumu natibu. Mas anchu na appottunidat edukasion ni prumepara tautau-ta para nuebu siha na offisiu. Mas libianu mangana ginen moseria ke todudia gi papa` somnag gi gualu` `sino halum napu.

Ta embrasa finattun yan pinegan i Amerikanu guine ni ta usuni kumu modun linala`ta. Gi sisteman ekonomia ni ha bat-sala halum tai programan para umana` fitme linala` tradision. Ni mismu Amerikanu tiha komprende haf` masusedi dispues

gi pinigaña guine.

I modetnu na modelun ekonomia sumen chagu` yan dibutsiau kontra linala` tradision. Gi halum este na rimulinu sige hit man-aronsada kulan dinagau lañgat gi halum taduñg tasi. Gi hilu` este ta akseptahaf` mattu kontodu industrian turista. Mamaisa pa`gu este na pisun ekonomia. Guaha `nai in` atan haf` para ta padesi `an lotgun este na industria gi ge`fena?

Hu akseptahaf` finapus antigu na mañaina-ta. Ti bai malefa mananum pat mamogsai sa` patte este hu fagcha`e gi hinibenhu. Lamegai lokue` biniran i tiempu gi gustu esta la disgustun halum kinalamten familia. Modetnu na modun linala` lau tai finagpu` i obligasion siha tat kumu apas bañku pot guma`, kareta, yan hinemlu`.

Layag sumahñge: Animu i dos saina pumogsai famaguon niha pot preparasion `an madiñgu un` dia i pettan sanmena. Siña masatban maisa siha desde che`chu` halum guma esta manu `nai masoda` offisiun niha.

Sumen namagof` an felis hinanau niha. Ti chathinassu i saina kau u famadesi. Huñgan, guaha gi tropa ti mana`e parehu nina` siña taimanu i pumalu. Estague` na patgon sessu ta bisita pot para ta asegura na felis lokue` hinanaña i prohimu(ma).

Dispues, kada unu hahatsa layagña ya sige huyuñg gi rubentason mafanana`an ni mañaina-ta “sumahñge”. Lau sattun lokue` rinikonosen finapus todudia. Guaha `nai hagacha` hit mahalañg lau otdinariu na pañgpañg napun linala`.

Sige mona, mangai famaguon (nietu yan nieta) ni ta trata kumu flores-ta gi hatdin ha`anita. Mañaunau ta`lu manmamulan nu siha. Lau lamayot patte gaige esti na obligasion gi dos saina.

Destrosiun kuttura

Dikiki` komunidat iya Marianas. Lau i fuetsan tinilaika mampus metgot. Maseha animosu i natibu kume gu`ot kutturaña, manmetgot siha na asunto gumagaput haf` gaige gi kustumbre-ta.

Esta ha` lamegai man-inaminasa usun amut binenu, pinadesin baratu na sueddu yan mamamaila` lokue` destrosiun casino. Este i tres na attikulu, yangin tita guatdia mauleg, siempre ha destrosia petmanente kutturan i tanu`. Man-naufragu hit gi mismu tano`ta. Naufragu kumeke ilegña pasaherun mapua na batku ni man-`e`esuette ausiliu gi kantut kantit.

Olara mohon ya tasoda` sensian hinimiddi gi korason-ta para

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ta akanteha sumuheta bisiun destrosiu giya hita mismu.

Usun amut binenu, che`chu` puttaria, fuetsau na pinebble pot diskuidun kabisiyu, seriusu na che`chu` kriminat yan nanan todubabarias—casino. Mauleg ta atan kritikatismiente este siha na chinsatsaga antes de u sala` i asunto.

Lokue`, hita mismu umisasague sinistenen kuttura gi atlibes na aksion siha dispues de palabran sattun na inadiñgan. Palabra de chispas uttimofña. Ta sañgane famaguon-ta na u fan finu` Chamorro mientras ta adiñañgane siha gi finu` Eñglis. Taigue klaru na kinimiti gi este na patte i kada ratu ta hogsin maisa hit sino ta aka` hila`ta!

Mauleg kasi ta deskansaye pot para tali`e manu `nai sessu hit man-fatsu.

Hinemlu` tautau-ta

Para mona, sessu siempre man-afulu` hit yan chenot daibites, korason yan kanset. Ni unu gi entre tres ñahlalañg na chenot ya makat para todus.

Namanman na esta kuarenta años desde ke nina` arapatu` i natibu chenot daibitis, korason yan todudia klasen kanset. Kulan mohon pa`gu mañgahuhulu` hit gi kantun tasi pot hinasa boti-ta ya i kantun unai `nai haparada hit.

I daibitis layeye gaige gi modun linala`ta ni tineteka magulusunen neñkanu`, usun fina` mames desde gimen yan otusiha ni sessu ta offisiona diariu. Ta atisa este `an man-galileg hit gi menan i television `nai mas ta sumuke hit mas fina` mames. Dios tiampare!

Patte lokue` i kustumbren yomug `nai tapo`lu na mau-leg `an mas ridondu fasuta yan oriyan sintura-ta. Kumu ha` mali`e antes namayaye hau masoyu` na un` usune chumochu sa` kulan malañgu hau. Haf` ti tafan ridodondudia estate hana` fan lalañgu hit i chenot daibitis. Mauleg hita mismu ta repara moduta diariu.

LITERARY NOOK

The POTUS Races

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

for months now the POTUS course is disappointing all of us who truly mind those candidates leading election horses with angry crowds following behind the U.S. has had great candidates before who supported freedom and the constitution now candidates and the media engage in war voters question the election as an institution the entire nation seems to be up in the air as campaigns make their final speaking lap with hope that all voting is fair and square that cheating and voter fraud stays off the map many weary now as the POTUS race finishes and hope for the end of discord diminishes

title inspired by W.B. Yeats’ At Galway Races 1910.

Never Cast a Vote in Anger

please try to never cast a vote in anger
think twice about the lies you’ve heard
don’t risk putting our great country in danger
sift truth and untruth from political words
when the sound byte fades and turns to black
try and recall the gist of what was just said
was it propaganda from a political hack
or a candidate talking off the top of his head
after all it is easy enough for them to say
with all the campaign funds in their hands
anything to persuade you to vote for them today
and of their opponent make hypocritical demands
so when political hype or gaffes make you upset

remember you haven’t heard the rest of the story yet

Title inspired by W.B. Yeats Never Give all the Heart 1904. In The Collected Poems of W.B. Yeats, 2nd edition, poems from The Winding Stair and other Poems 1933 has two 12 line poems designated with the Roman numerals X. Her Anxiety and XI. His Confidence. I used Yeats 12-line pattern and kept verbatim the last two lines from each of the six line sections of Her Anxiety. They seemed so appropriate.

HRC Her Anxiety

How could I have ever guessed
my private emails would become such a thing
millions of tax dollars to find out why
lengthy hearings held they won’t let it rest
new email revelations make it seem never ending
“Prove That I Lie”
then male sexual transgressions ugly face
goes viral nationwide from both sides
and all Trump does is Deny, Deny, Deny
as the bottom is scraped in the POTUS race
for what its worth it won’t help voter’s decide
“Prove That I Lie”

DJT His Confidence

unlimited money to buy
I speak to you
all wrongs done I deny
true red, white, and blue
how much money do you need
to help my campaign succeed
some of my business deals went bankrupt
I became the king of debt
and learned money and power corrupt
despite IRS taxes my money’s hard to get
with tax returns the basic fact of the matter is
I’m a billionaire who pays very little taxes.

The Weight Of Trump’s Ignorance

Benjamin Franklin when asked which is the best form of government said, “A republic if you can keep it. For it won’t last under the weight of ignorance.” indeed I am insulting to my own ignorance because ignorance has an inherent excuse my lacking understanding issues of substance committing various types of sexual abuse blocking immigrants who better their lives working hard jobs, long hours, for low wages bringing their families, children and wives to escape poverty and persecution outrageous I’m insulting to all good American people with constant lies, exaggerations, angry words in interviews, in stadiums, under steeples each day getting more and more absurd my campaign continues the same day after day putting my obstinate ignorance up on display






Beseeching Our Lady of Cyberspace

lead us into cyberspace
beyond knowing and not knowing
to the topmost summit of truth
where email mysteries lie hidden
unchanged and undeleted
beyond the dark clouds
of secretive silence where
all cyberspace is illuminated
by truth and transparency
our thirst for these emails
the mysteries contained within
is wholly unsatiated
our minds are blinded
until their contents are unveiled

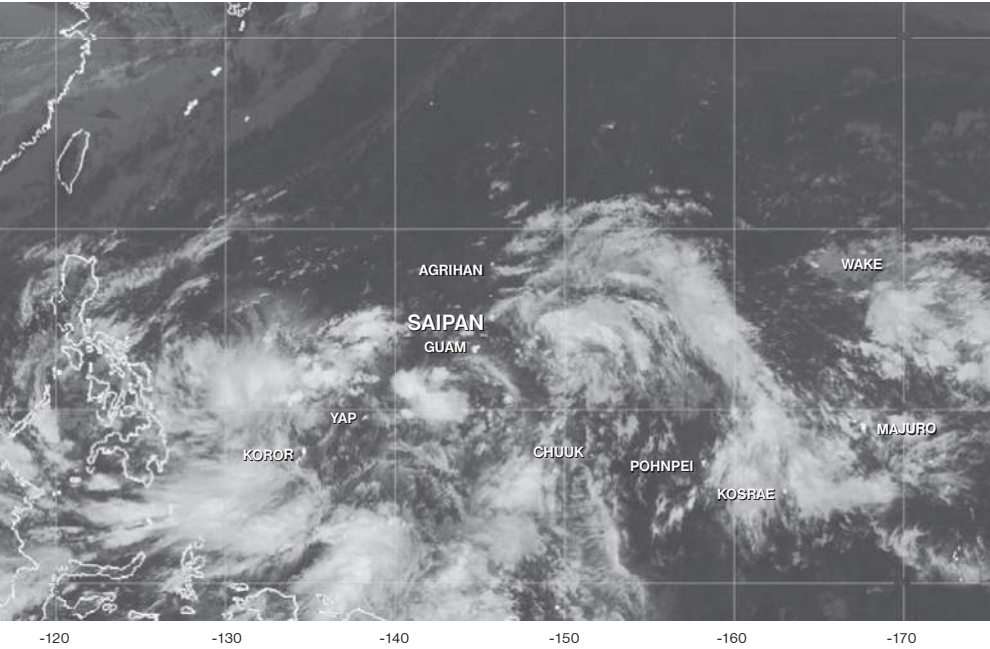
My inspiration comes from Dionysius the Areopagite.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:38 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak upper-level ridge between 2 tropical disturbances, one to the west-southwest and the other to the east-southeast of Guam, is resulting in weak subsidence over the Marianas. This subsidence is hindering the development of scattered showers this morning. As both disturbances move westward through the day, scattered showers are expected to return to the Marianas by mid afternoon. Gentle to moderate southeast to east winds are seen over the eastern Micronesia islands.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Partly sunny	81 / 88 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	81 / 85 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	81 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Afternoon clouds	80 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	78 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	83 / 88 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	54 / 63 °F
Beijing	Sunny	23 / 54 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	69 / 79 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	72 / 79 °F
London	High level clouds	38 / 49 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	54 / 77 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	81 / 90 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	48 / 63 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	76 / 82 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	52 / 67 °F
Osaka	Sunny	48 / 64 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	39 / 53 °F
Pusan	Sunny	38 / 53 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	51 / 69 °F
Salem	Light showers	47 / 61 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	53 / 65 °F
Seoul	Afternoon clouds	24 / 49 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	48 / 52 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	51 / 75 °F



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9:40 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.83 Feet
3:29 PM	LOW TIDE	1.01 Feet
8:26 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.76 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	7:59 AM	7:43 PM
Thursday	8:48 AM	8:29 PM
Friday	9:36 AM	9:16 PM
Saturday	10:25 AM	10:06 PM
Sunday	11:13 AM	10:57 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN						6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	6:00PM 6:15PM Daily		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
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NMIS middle schoolers shine in twin competitions

Middle school students of the Northern Marianas International School won 15 events in the first league of the Junior International Thespian Society and National Junior Speech and Debate Association competitions participated in by CNMI private and public schools.

The JITS competition was

held on Oct. 8, 2016, at San Antonio Middle School and was attended by NMIS' sixth to eighth grade students: Mikaela Vergara, Andrei Bayking, Amy Rayn Soliman, Eonzen Delapaz, Ethan Sablan, Eddie Valdoz, Sophia Michelle Cornelio, and Justin Mateo.

Vergara, an 8th grader, won first place in monologue while

Soliman, a 7th grader, won first place in solo musical. Mateo and Valdoz, both sixth graders, won fifth place in duet acting.

On Oct. 22, 2016, NMIS competed in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association competition held at Hopwood Middle School. The NMIS participants were Bayk-

ing, Vergara, Soliman, Dela Paz, Cornelio, Christian Rosimo, Sablan, and Alana Pitt.

The results of the competition were incredible! Soliman won first place in Dramatic Interpretation and first place in Prose. Sablan, a 7th grader, won second place in Impromptu and third place in Chamorro Poetry. Cornelio, a sixth grader, won second place in Poetry and fourth place in Prose. Bayking, an 8th grader,

got third place in Dramatic Interpretation. Dela Paz won fourth place in Poetry, fourth place in Storytelling and fifth place in Impromptu. Rosimo won fifth place in Impromptu.

"NMIS competitors are competing not just to win but also to challenge and improve themselves, to have fun, and earn valuable experiences," said NMIS coach George M. Gomez.

NMIS vice principal Jener

Pineda thanked all teachers for their contributions as registrar, judges, and mentors, noting that parents are proud of NMIS for the outcome of their children's performances as well as for the encouragement and training they provide. NMIS middle school students are satisfied with the results of their events and they continue to strive to win more ribbons in the next round of competitions. **(PR)**



NMIS vice principal Jener Pineda and NMIS coach George M. Gomez have their picture taken with the winning students of the Northern Marianas International School. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

NMIS congratulates October forensic winners



Northern Marianas International School students that took part in the October Primary Grade Forensic Competition last Oct. 1, 2016, at San Antonio Middle School have their picture taken. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Golden Harvest congratulates Oct. NJSDA winners

The teachers, staff, and the parents of Golden Harvest International School congratulate the three 6th grade students who participated and won in the National Junior Speech and Debate Association com-

petition last Oct. 22, 2016, at Hopwood Middle School. They are:

■ John Paul Labadan won first place in PR A.

■ Labadan and Gadiele Rhopher Joson won first place

in Duo A

■ Joson won fourth place in OO A

■ Labadan won fourth place in D.I. A

■ Amber Sidney Sureta won fifth place in PR B. **(PR)**



Golden Harvest International School students have their picture taken with teachers. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Congratulations to all October forensic winners of the Northern Marianas International School! With great pride, dedication and hard work, these students placed high ranks in the October Primary Grade Forensic Competition. We would like to thank all the parents, volunteer judges, teachers, and coaches for their continuous support and all the help they have given to the students. This event was held last Oct. 1, 2016, at San Antonio Middle School.

Below is the list of all the award winners.

DIVISION K-2

Reader's Forum C

1st Place: Sin, Heather Elizabeth
3rd Place: Asuncion, Alexandria
5th Place: Tenorio, Christian

Joseph

Reader's Forum MA

4th Place: Pineda, Jener Franz
5th Place: Claveria, Margarette Mae Ann

Dramatic Interpretation A

5th Place: Safer, Brenda

Reader's Forum MB

2nd Place: Sobremisana, Mary Razielle
3rd Place: Vuelta, Rein Laurel
5th Place: Quimsing, Althea Loryn

Impromptu Speaking A

2nd Place: Pineda, Jener Franz
4th Place: Teregeyo, Naida Paige
5th Place: Safer, Brenda

Impromptu Speaking C

2nd Place: Tang, Eamon

DIVISION: GRADES 3-5

Impromptu A

1st Place: Pineda, Jay Francis

Dominic

4th Place: Van Der Maas, Vladimir

Dramatic Interpretation A

2nd Place: Arreza, Annieskha

Reader's Forum MA

4th Place: Lugtu, Patricia

DUO: A

5th Place: Claveria, Euanne Kyra
5th Place: Vergara, Juliana

Choral Speaking B

3rd Place: Claveria, Euanne Kyra
3rd Place: Pineda, Jay Francis

Dominic

3rd Place: Tang, Simon
3rd Place: Sobremisana, Luke

Raphael

3rd Place: Vergara, Juliana

Coaches: Levi P. Sobremisana, Criselda C. Aldan, Roy T. Dolon, and Joyce Demaun

PGFC coordinator: Darlene J. Sobremisana

GMS' 6th graders win at thespian competition

Sixth grade students, parents, and administrators of Green Meadow School were delighted with the result of the first Junior Thespian Competition held last Oct. 1, 2016, at San Antonio Middle School. Though a novice in this kind of competition, these middle school students received superior and excellent ratings in each of their winning event.

■ **2nd place** - Monologue C: Jill Anne Marie Mallari

■ **3rd place** - Duet Acting

A: Leunyce Regalado and Samantha Flores

■ **4th place** - Duet Acting A: Jazmyn Lopez and Cloe Lagmay

■ **4th place** - Duet Acting B: Christian Ted Pamintuan and Raeka Lantin

■ **5th place** - Solo Musical: Angelene Faith Caddac

We would like to commend the parents for their support during the competition. Congratulations sixth graders and keep up the good work! **(PR)**

Green Meadow School president Mila Merjilla and teachers proudly pose in this picture with sixth graders who were first-time contestants and winners in the recent thespian competition. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



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Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres



Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog

In the last election, you elected a Solutions Driven Leadership. Your Republican Leaders have been hard at work to solve the many issues that challenged our way of life. We remain humbled for giving us your trust.

Our progress in only 18 months is evident with the rise of business developments; thriving entrepreneurs; creation of over thousands of jobs; significant increase of revenues that restored full retirement pension; continuous infrastructure enhancements and increase in family disposable incomes.

And we are doing more. Today, we have a robust economy rejuvenated by your Republican Leaders through responsive legislation and programs. As a result, we are prioritizing funding to provide greater resources for the first time in a long time to our law enforcement officers; meet long overdue land compensation and government obligations, judgements and settlements as well as to tackle the plague of substance abuse in our community.

Our resolve to advance the quality of lives for everyone in our community remain our foremost priority. We work very closely and in unison with your Republican Legislators to push through legislation and programs that are beneficial to our people's welfare. While we have resolved issues, there remains more work to be done. To ensure that we continue the course of a Solutions Driven Leadership, we humbly ask all of you to help us maintain a Republican Legislative Leadership, one that delivers results to improve our quality of life.

This November, we ask for your continued support and vote of confidence. Please vote Republican.

Your Governor,

Ralph Dlg. Torres

Your Lieutenant Governor

Victor B. Hocog



DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISES HIGHLIGHTS OF CNMI GOP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The CNMI Republican Party holds its head high this election. Two years ago, the Republican Party offered the voters a vision for our islands in which economic growth was a reality, that anyone who wanted a job could have one, and that our government can be more responsible for our obligations, public service deliv

Significant Increase in Gross Budgetary Resources

Real Economic Recovery is Happening under your Republican Solution Driven Leadership.

Retirement

Authorization of exclusive casino gaming industry which saved the Retirement Fund Program from Bankruptcy
Restored the 25% cut in the retirees' pension \$15 million annually from exclusive license fees to provide full pensions that our retirees have earned

Economic Prosperity for All

Earmarked Funding for the MVA to Support CNMI Tourism Industry
Federal Resource Partnerships – State Small Business Credit Initiative
Casino Gaming Industry providing jobs to nearly 500 CNMI residents

Government Responsibility

Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) \$16 million towards CUC debt
Medical Referral Program \$1.6 million
Public School System \$2.9 million for outstanding CUC balance

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



2 HOCOG,
George Ogo
1st Senatorial District, Rota



2 BORJA,
Francisco Manglona
2nd Senatorial District, Tinian and Aguiguan



1 IGISOMAR,
Sixto Kaipat
3rd Senatorial District, Saipan & Northern Islands

Your Republican Leaders remain committed to developing a vibrant community. On your behalf, we advocate and advance legislations and programs that create opportunities through increase of business developments, infrastructure enhancements, creation of jobs, increase of family disposable income and other capacity and building initiatives to advance our quality of life.

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4 DEMAPAN,
Angel Aldan



5 DELEON GUERRERO,
Joseph Pinaula



6 MARATITA,
Janet Ulloa



7 SABLON,
Antonio Pangelinan



8 GUERRERO,
Joseph Lee Pan Tenorio



11 SABLON,
Gregorio Jr. Muna

★ PRECINCT 2 ★



1 DEMAPAN,
Rafael Sablan



2 SABLON,
John Paul Palacios



2 DELA CRUZ,
Francisco Santos



7 BLANCO,
Ivan Alafonso



8 BARCINAS,
Donald Cabrera



9 ITIBUS,
Jose Ilo

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1 IGITOL,
Alice Santos



5 CAMACHO,
George Norita



3 AGUON,
Francisco Concepcion



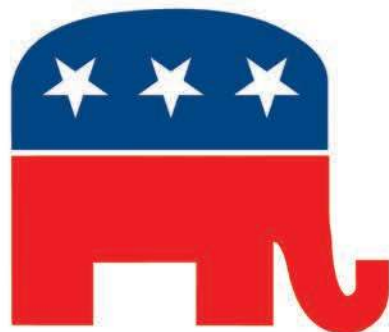
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Antonio Reyes



2 ALDAN,
Edwin Palacios



1 MARATITA,
Glenn Lizama



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Business

Do candy and soda makers belong at a dietitians' conference?

BOSTON (AP)—The blinking game show wheel spins past logos for Triscuits, Wheat Thins and Honey Maid before the needle settles at Fig Newtons.

"Newtons are made with real fruit and whole grains. True or false?" a Nabisco representative asks onlookers, who are among 10,000 attendees at a conference where dietitians can earn credits for continuing education.

The answer, the Nabisco representative says, is true.

Among the hundreds of exhibits, many focused on items like beans, eggs, strawberries and leafy greens. But big packaged food makers and trade groups also had a presence, emblematic of the complex ties between the food industry and nutritionists and a push by critics to bring greater awareness to corporate influence on the profession.

PepsiCo brought a vending machine stocked with Quaker bars, Naked juices and reduced-fat Doritos. Unilever showcased Hellmann's spreads and offered samples of Breyer's ice cream. Nestle displayed bottled water, Nesquik chocolate drinks and Butterfingers candies. A Sugar Association pamphlet suggested sprinkling sugar on vegetables for picky children.

While the influence of food



corporations on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and its 75,000 members has come under greater scrutiny, some see growing sensitivity to ethical and conflict-of-interest issues.

"It's been an important topic in the pharmaceutical world, and now it's becoming a much more important topic in the nutrition world," said David Wiss, a member of Dietitians

for Professional Integrity, which has called on the academy to show greater independence from the food industry.

Wiss feels there is a "huge, inherent" industry influence some may not realize exists. He said a bigger problem than the expo hall is the influence that sponsors have with continuing education sessions for dietitians, and recalled a previ-

ous class where he was taught about salt by Frito-Lay.

Lucille Beseler, president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, said in an email that academy members know the difference between marketing and science, and use their professional judgment to evaluate exhibitors' products and programs.

She said nutrition profes-

This Oct. 16, 2016, photo shows Nabisco's booth at an annual dietitians' conference, where company representatives explained the health benefits of their products. The presence of major food companies underscored the conflict-of-interest issues in the nutrition field.

sionals do not dictate what people eat, and "must therefore be familiar with all foods and products in the marketplace."

The academy noted that sessions sponsored by companies or industry groups were distinct from regular educational sessions because they required a \$10 donation from session attendees to the academy's foundation, which provides scholarships and research grants. The sponsored sessions still count toward continuing education credits, which are required to maintain licenses.

That included one that discussed the benefits of milk and flavored milk sponsored by Fairlife, one of Coca-Cola's joint ventures, and one on the advantages of orange juice sponsored by a juice industry group. A two-hour session on the value of multivitamins was sponsored by vitamin brand Nature Made. The professor who taught the class listed

Pharmavite, which owns the brand, in a slide of disclosures.

Afterward, two attendees said they did not know the professor had been paid by the session sponsor. Still, they said they found the session informative and felt the professor backed up his views.

Diane Enos, who heads educational programming for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, said sponsorship of sessions is clearly disclosed, and that educational materials for those sessions are subject to the same standards and review as for other sessions.

"They have to meet the standard guidelines, and that means you can't show unbalanced research," Enos said.

She said it is not the sponsor that submits the materials for review, but the speakers.

In some cases, the speakers were representatives or employees of the sponsor.

Marion Nestle, a nutrition professor at New York University, reviewed the educational slides for the session sponsored by Fairlife at AP's request and did not think they should be considered education.

"They're presenting the company's view of it. So it's marketing, not education," Nestle said.

GE, Baker Hughes create powerful new player in energy sector

DALLAS (AP)—General Electric is taking advantage of a prolonged energy slump to become a bigger player in the oil and gas drilling business, a bet that could pay off big when prices recover.

GE and Baker Hughes Inc. will combine their oil and gas operations, creating a major player in the oilfield-services industry at a time when the energy sector is bogged down by weak and volatile commodity prices.

The new publicly traded company will still be called Baker Hughes, but GE will own 62.5 percent of it.

On a call with investors, GE

CEO Jeff Immelt said the deal was intended to create a more technically sophisticated company that can provide the kinds of advanced services that oil companies will demand.

It will also be better able to weather the slump in oil prices, and "if pricing gets better, it allows us to benefit from that as well," Immelt told CNBC.

The major oil-service companies—Baker Hughes, Schlumberger Ltd. and Halliburton Co.—are among the first to feel the pinch of weak prices, as major oil companies cut capital spending and renegotiate contracts with suppliers.

After severe declines in the price of oil and gas during the recession, prices appeared to recover and stabilize as production charged forward. But oil prices began to slide again in mid-2014, creating new headwinds and thousands of layoffs at Baker Hughes and its rivals.

If Monday's deal is completed and further consolidates the services business, it could boost pricing power for all the major companies. But there is no guarantee that the transaction will succeed.

Halliburton attempted to buy Houston-based Baker Hughes but abandoned the \$35 billion

bid this year after U.S. antitrust regulators opposed it and suggested they would demand large divestitures.

Most analysts, however, say Baker Hughes and GE's oil and gas operations have little overlapping business, making big divestitures less likely.

With the combined company, "you get technical oil and gas expertise from Baker and also that manufacturing prowess from GE, which hopefully get costs down quite a bit and offer some pretty good solutions" for oil companies, Jonathan Garrett, an energy analyst with Wood Mackenzie, said in an interview.

Report: Trump used dubious tax avoidance scheme in 1990s

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump avoided paying potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes in a way even his own lawyers considered questionable, The New York Times reported Monday.

The newspaper said the maneuver also may explain how Trump posted a one-year loss of more than \$900 million a few years later, enabling him to avoid paying federal income

taxes for perhaps 18 years.

At issue is how Trump was able to cancel hundreds of millions of dollars of debt as his casino empire in Atlantic City went broke in the early 1990s. Canceled debt generally is treated as taxable income, meaning Trump would have owed the Internal Revenue Service significant money on debt that his creditors forgave.

The Times said it obtained documents from a quarter-

century ago showing Trump essentially traded the debt relief for nearly worthless "partnership equity" to avoid any tax liability. In practice, the strategy was almost identical to a tax maneuver that was already outlawed, but differed in minor details. Trump's own lawyers advised him the IRS would likely find it improper if he were audited, the paper said, and Congress explicitly outlawed the maneuver in 2004.

Hillary Clinton, then a New York senator, was among the lawmakers who voted to close the loophole.

Hope Hicks, Trump's spokeswoman, told The Times that its reporting "suggests either a fundamental misunderstanding or an intentional misreading of the law." She said Trump doesn't think taxpayers "should file returns that resolve all doubt in favor of the IRS."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

McDonald's agrees to \$3.75M deal with California workers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—McDonald's has agreed to pay \$3.75 million to settle a federal lawsuit that sought to hold the company liable for allegations that a franchise owner in the San Francisco Bay Area cheated hundreds of workers out of wages and overtime. A lawyer for the workers on Monday called the settlement agreement filed in court Friday a historic victory for hundreds of workers but the company said it settled to avoid ongoing legal costs. The lawsuit filed in 2014 in federal court in San Francisco is among several suits in recent years that have sought a court order designating McDonald's as the joint employer of workers at its franchise restaurants. Franchised locations account for the vast majority of McDonald's more than 14,000 U.S. restaurants. Joint employer status would make the company and not just franchisees responsible for working conditions at restaurants.

Transit workers in Philadelphia go on strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Transit workers went on strike early Tuesday in Philadelphia, shutting down bus, trolley and subways that provide about 900,000 rides a day and raising fears that a prolonged walkout could keep some voters from the polls on Election Day. A union representing about 4,700 workers went on strike at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday after being unable to reach a contract agreement with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. "Despite months of constructive and innovative proposals from our side of the table, management has refused to budge on key issues including safety issues that would save lives and not cost SEPTA a dime," said TWU Local 234 President Willie Brown, who heads the union's negotiating team. "There is no new agreement, so we are on strike." Brown said union members will not report for their shifts at SEPTA and will instead report for picket duty. SEPTA said in a statement shortly after the strike was announced that its negotiators are "ready and willing" to continue contract talks.

Nation

Trump sticks to attacks, insults, hoping to overtake Clinton

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)—Donald Trump

plunged into his final-week sprint to Election Day Monday decidedly on his terms: unleashing a harsh new attack against Democrat Hillary Clinton in Michigan, a state that hasn't favored a Republican for president in nearly three decades.

His message was welcomed by supporters, but his location frustrated anxious Republicans who fear their nominee is riding his unorthodox political playbook too long—even as Clinton's developing email problems offer new political opportunity.

"Her election would mire our government and our country in a constitutional crisis that we cannot afford," Trump declared in Grand Rapids, pointing to the FBI's renewed examination of Clinton's email practices as evidence the former secretary of state might face a criminal trial as president.

National polls show a tightening race. But with more than 23 million ballots already cast through early voting, it's unclear whether Trump has the time or capacity to dramatically improve his standing over the next week in states like

Michigan, where few political professionals in either party expect a Republican victory on Nov. 8.

Clinton, defending herself from the new FBI examination, focused Monday on battleground Ohio, a state Trump's team concedes he must win.

"There is no case here," Clinton insisted. "Most people have decided a long time ago what they think about all this."

Later in the day, Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook decried what he called a "blatant double standard" following a CNBC report that FBI Director James Comey opposed releasing details about possible Russian interference in the U.S. election because it was too close to Election Day. Comey issued a letter to congressional leaders on Friday about the FBI's renewed interest in Clinton's email.

The AP has not confirmed the NBC report, and the FBI declined comment Monday.

Amid the attacks and counterattacks, the race for the White House remains at its core a test of a simple question: Will the conventional rules of modern-day campaigns apply to a 2016 election that has been anything



^{AP}
In a Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a rally, in Las Vegas.

over the past year has largely ignored the key components of recent winning campaigns, depending instead on massive rallies and free media coverage to drive his outsider candidacy. This week, he's devoting his most valuable resource - his time - to states where polls suggest he's trailing Clinton by significant margins.

Trump had two rallies on Monday in Michigan, a state that last went for a Republican presidential nominee in 1988. The day before, he appeared in New Mexico, which has supported the GOP just once over the last three decades. And on Tuesday, he's scheduled to appear with running mate Mike Pence in Wisconsin, which hasn't backed a Republican for president since Ronald Reagan's re-election in 1984.

but conventional?

For much of the year, Clinton has pounded the airwaves with advertising, assembled an expansive voter data file and constructed a nationwide political organization that

dwarfs her opponent's.

The Democratic presidential nominee and her allies in a dozen battleground states have more than 4,800 people knocking on doors, making phone calls and otherwise

working to support her candidacy. Clinton's numbers, as reported in recent campaign filings, tripled those of Trump and the national and state Republican parties.

The New York businessman

FBI review involves thousands of newly discovered emails

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI will have to sort through thousands of newly discovered emails in its renewed examination of the practices of Hillary Clinton and her aides, a U.S. official said Monday, raising questions about whether any findings might be released before Election Day.

The Justice Department, moving to address concerns over the timing of the revelation of the emails and a potential post-election spill-over, said Monday it would "dedicate all necessary resources" to concluding the review promptly.

The timing matters because Donald Trump has been as-

sailing Clinton ever more vigorously since FBI Director James Comey revealed the existence of the emails in a remarkable and ambiguous letter to Congress last Friday. He said agents would take steps to review the messages, which were found on a computer seized during an unrelated investigation involving the estranged husband of a Clinton aide.

Rep. Anthony Weiner, the disgraced former New York congressman, is being investigated in connection with online communications with a teenage girl. He was separated this year from Huma Abedin, one of Clinton's closest advisers.

At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest said he would neither defend nor criticize the timing of Comey's disclosure. But he also said President Barack Obama does not believe Comey was trying to influence the election, or strategizing to benefit one candidate or party.

"He's in a tough spot, and he's the one who will be in a position to defend his actions in the face of significant criticism from a variety of legal experts, including individuals who served in senior Department of Justice positions in administrations that were led by presidents in both parties," Earnest said.

It was not immediately clear exactly how many emails have been recovered or what significance, if any, they might have. But the U.S. official who spoke to The Associated Press said the trove numbers in the thousands and the FBI, which had a warrant to begin the review, would be focusing on those deemed pertinent to its earlier Clinton email server investigation. It's unclear how many emails might be relevant.

In its letter to lawmakers, the department promised to "continue to work closely with the FBI and together dedicate all necessary resources and take appropriate steps as expeditiously as possible."

Company: 1 dead, several injured in Colonial Pipeline blast

HELENA, Ala. (AP)—An explosion along the Colonial Pipeline in rural Alabama killed one worker and injured several others Monday not far from where the line burst and leaked thousands of gallons of gasoline last month, authorities said.

Colonial Pipeline Co. said in a statement late Monday that one worker was killed at the scene, and five others were taken to Birmingham-area hospitals for treatment.

The blast, which sent flames and thick black smoke soaring over the forest, happened about a mile west of where the pipeline ruptured in September, Gov. Robert Bentley said in a statement. That break led to gasoline shortages across the South.

"We'll just hope and pray for the best," Bentley said.

Georgia-based Colonial said in a brief statement that it had shut down its main pipeline in the area.

In September, the pipeline leaked 252,000 to 336,000 gallons of gasoline and led to dry fuel pumps and price spikes in several Southern states—for days, in some cases. There was no immediate indication whether Monday's explosion near Helena southwest of Birmingham would lead to similar shortages.

Plagued by a severe drought after weeks without rain, the section of the state where the explosion happened has been scarred by multiple wildfires in recent weeks, and crews

worked to keep the blaze from spreading across the landscape.

Coleen Vansant, a spokeswoman with the Alabama Forestry Commission, said crews built a 75-foot-long earthen dam to contain burning fuel, which will be allowed to burn itself out. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Monday night that the blaze had been contained but it was unclear how long the fire may take to burn out.

Two wildfires caused by the explosion burned 31 acres of land, Vansant said.

Houses around the blast scene were evacuated, and Sheriff's Office Capt. Jeff Hartley said it wasn't clear when people might be able to return home.

"There's a large plume of smoke; there's a large fire. We're not sure exactly how it started or what caused it," he said.

Firetrucks were still arriving on the scene hours after the explosion, and ambulances were parked along a highway nearby.

"We're got first responders entering the area, and a lot of them," Hartley said.

Bentley said the explosion seems to have been an accident, but no details were available about its potential cause.

The injured workers were taken to Birmingham hospitals by helicopter and ambulance, the governor told WBRC-TV in a live interview. Their conditions weren't immediately known.



ACROSS THE NATION

3 killed in Halloween trailer crash on Mississippi highway

CHUNKY, Miss. (AP)—Three people were killed and several injured when a trailer pulling people for Halloween festivities was struck in eastern Mississippi, a law enforcement officer said. Mississippi Highway Patrol Capt. Johnny Poulos told The Associated Press the accident happened on U.S. Highway 80 in the small town of Chunky, about 80 miles east of Jackson. He said it appears a vehicle struck a flat-bed trailer carrying people about 7:45 p.m. CDT. He said the three people killed were on the trailer. Three helicopters and several ambulances took injured people to three hospitals. Poulos said some had life-threatening injuries. Investigators were on the scene late Monday. Names and ages of those killed and details about the number of people injured were not immediately available. Poulos said he did not know what group was sponsoring the trailer ride. Chunky has a population of about 325.

Ex-wife: Father cared deeply for child who died in hot car

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP)—The ex-wife of a man charged with murder after their toddler son died in a hot SUV shed tears for her boy on the witness stand Monday while testifying that her former husband would not have left him to die on purpose. Leanna Taylor told a jury she tried to be strong for Justin Ross Harris after learning on June 18, 2014, that their only child was dead after Harris left the boy in his car's back seat all day after driving to his job in metro Atlanta. "I knew he was never going to forgive himself," Taylor testified, adding that she knew Harris didn't leave their son intentionally. Her testimony as a defense witness for Harris, 35, contradicts the case prosecutors have spent weeks trying to build: that Harris meant to kill his 22-month-old son, Cooper. Prosecutors say Harris, who is charged with malice murder and felony murder, wanted to escape the responsibilities of family life as he spent his time seeking sexual relationships both online and in person with women outside his marriage.

Asia

Woman in scandal roiling S. Korea says she 'deserves death'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Telling reporters Monday that she “deserves death,” the woman at the center of a scandal roiling South Korea met prosecutors examining whether she used her close ties to President Park Geun-hye to pull government strings from the shadows and amass an illicit fortune.

“Please, forgive me,” Choi Soon-sil, a cult leader’s daughter with a decades-long connection to Park, said through tears inside the Seoul prosecutor’s building, according to Yonhap news agency. Using a common expression of deep repentance, she added, “I committed a sin that deserves death.”

Yonhap and other South Korean media later reported that Choi had been detained, and that prosecutors planned to seek an arrest warrant for her. Telephone calls to the prosecutor’s office were not immediately answered.

Choi, wearing a hat and a scarf, her hand pressed to her mouth, was nearly knocked off her feet several times earlier in the day as she tried to walk through a massive crowd of 300 journalists, as well as protesters and security, surrounding the building’s en-



trance. YTN TV said that Choi, 60, lost her shoe as the throng converged on her, and a protester reportedly tried to enter the building with a bucket full of animal feces.

Other protesters screamed, “Arrest Choi Soon-sil” and “Park Geun-hye should resign.”

The scandal exploded last week when, after weeks of speculation, Park acknowledged that Choi had edited some of her speeches and pro-

vided public relations help. Widespread media reports say that Choi, who has no official ties to the administration, may have had a major role in government affairs.

Choi has previously said she helped Park but didn’t know if she was seeing confidential information.

Investigators are trying to determine the scope of access Choi had and whether she was given sensitive presidential

documents. They have raided the homes of some officials in the presidential Blue House as part of the investigation.

Park has fired some of her closest aides to try to contain the fallout. Some lawmakers and the public have called for Park’s resignation or impeachment, and thousands of people have protested in the streets.

It’s not clear how much influence Choi had. But many South Koreans believe there is much

AP
Choi Soon-sil, center left, a cult leader’s daughter with a decades-long connection to President Park Geun-hye, is surrounded by prosecutor’s officers and media upon her arrival at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors’ Office in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 31, 2016.

more to the story than Park has acknowledged, and the frenzy surrounding the scandal threatens her presidency.

Choi returned home Sunday from seclusion in Germany. It was unclear whether there would be any details revealed from her questioning, or how long she would be in the prosecutor’s office. The questioning of Choi’s former associates, including a purported former employee of a host bar, lasted two days.

Choi has been close to Park since Choi’s father, the leader of a religious cult, gained Park’s trust by reportedly convincing her that he could communicate with her assassinated mother. Choi’s father denied this in a 1990 media interview.

The senior government official who later shot and killed

Park’s dictator father, President Park Chung-hee, is said to have claimed that he staged his attack in part because Park Chung-hee wouldn’t keep Choi’s father away from the young Park Geun-hye.

Elected in 2012, Park has long been criticized for an aloof manner and for relying on only a few longtime confidantes. Most South Koreans, however, assumed those confidantes were in the government. That she may have been outsourcing decisions to someone outside of government, and someone connected with a murky, lurid backstory, has incensed many.

Media reports said the younger Choi used her connections to Park to pressure businesses to give money to two nonprofit organizations Choi controlled; Choi then allegedly used some of the organizations’ official funds for personal purposes. South Korean media speculated that the two foundations collected about 80 billion won (\$70 million) in donations from business groups in just a few months.

Upset at being sidelined in talks, Pakistan warns Taliban

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Two senior Taliban figures said that Pakistan issued a stark warning to the militant group, apparently surprised and angered over being excluded from the insurgents’ secret talks with the Afghan government.

They said the Pakistani government warned the Taliban that unless they consult with Islamabad during the negotiations all top Taliban leaders will be forced to leave Pakistan along with their families.

The Islamabad ultimatum was given last week to a three-

person Taliban delegation visiting Pakistan from Qatar, where the militant group’s political office is located, said the two Taliban figures. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the talks.

Pakistan’s government declined to comment on Monday. It denies Afghan accusations that Islamabad is providing a safe haven to the Taliban.

“We won’t communicate with the Taliban through the media.

I have no comment to make,” said Sartaj Aziz, a government adviser on foreign affairs.

The three members of the Taliban delegation are Mullah Salam Hanifi and Mullah Jan Mohammed, both former ministers in the Taliban government, and Maulvi Shahabuddin Dilawar, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. They arrived from Qatar two weeks ago, apparently aiming to smooth Pakistan’s ruffled feathers after it was revealed that the Taliban held secret talks with

the Afghan government in September and October.

Under pressure from both Washington and Kabul to get the Taliban to the negotiating table, Islamabad has been frustrated by the refusal of Taliban leaders living in Pakistan to participate in talks.

The three Taliban representatives are now in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan’s southwest Baluchistan province, to brief other leaders of the group about their discussions with Pakistani officials, said the two Taliban figures.

China confirms allowing Philippine fishermen access to disputed shoal

BEIJING (AP)—China’s Foreign Ministry on Monday confirmed a decision to allow Philippine fishermen access to a disputed shoal following a visit to Beijing by the Philippine president.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Beijing made “proper arrangements” regarding Scarborough Shoal after Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte expressed concern about the matter.

China seized the shoal, located 228 kilometers (123 nautical miles) from the northern Philippines, following a 2012 standoff between the sides, preventing Filipino fishermen from working in the area. Chinese coast guard ships sometimes used water cannons to drive off Filipino fishermen while protecting Chinese boats.

However, fishermen said over the weekend that the Chinese coast guard had allowed them to again fish in the area following Duterte’s recent visit, which officials say resulted in a warming of bilateral ties.

The visit marked a “comprehensive improvement of China-Philippines relations. Given the circumstance, regarding the issue President Duterte was highly concerned about, China made proper arrangements on the issue based

on the friendship between China and the Philippines,” Hua told reporters at a daily briefing.

Hua made it clear that China would continue to exercise administration over the area as Chinese territory.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said on Sunday that a navy plane had spotted at least four Chinese coast guard ships around the shoal during a surveillance flight on Saturday.

Duterte’s national security adviser, Hermogenes Esperon Jr., said there was no agreement between China and the Philippines on the return of Filipino fishermen to Scarborough Shoal. The Philippine government, he said, would continue to assert its claim over the traditional fishing area.

“There was no expressed agreement but it seems like the traditional rights of our fishermen are being respected,” Esperon told reporters in Manila. “But the president reiterated that we won in the court, the other leader also reiterated that is historically their territory.”

“Now that there’s no resolution, why allow yourselves to be in that confrontational position when you can talk about economic relations, trade relations?” Esperon said, adding that the Philippines would continue to press its claim.

ASIAN BRIEFS

State media: 13 dead, 20 missing in China coal mine blast

BEIJING (AP)—Thirteen people have been found dead after a gas explosion in a Chinese coal mine and the status is unknown of 20 others still trapped, state media said Tuesday. Rescuers worked through the night at the privately owned Jinshangou mine in the Chongqing region where the explosion occurred before noon Monday, Xinhua News Agency reported. Two miners escaped earlier. Xinhua previously reported 15 deaths in the explosion, but said Chongqing deputy mayor Ma Huaping lowered the death toll in a press briefing early Tuesday, saying only 13 bodies had been found so far. Local officials did not answer telephone calls from The Associated Press, and a person who answered the phone at the mine hung up when asked about the blast.

Indonesian rescuers locate missing plane, recover 4 bodies

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Four bodies were recovered Tuesday from the wreckage of a cargo plane that crashed in Indonesia’s remote, mountainous Papua province a day earlier,

Indonesia’s search and rescue agency said. The wreckage was found on terrain at an elevation of about 12,000 feet (3,660 meters) in the Jayawijaya area, said Henry Bambang Soelistyo, chief of the National Search and Rescue Agency. The Canadian-made DHC4 Turbo Caribou PK-SWW plane had been delivering construction materials when it disappeared Monday. It had four people on board, including its two pilots. Soelistyo said authorities are working to identify the bodies.

Pakistan: Indian fire kills 4, wounds 6 civilians in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The Pakistani army says Indian troops have opened fire across the Line of Control in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, killing four civilians and wounding six others. A military statement Monday blamed Indian troops for targeting civilians in the Nakial sector. It said Pakistani troops returned fire and that the exchange of fire was continuing late into the night. Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and both claim the region in its entirety. Tensions have increased in the last month which each side blaming the other for cross-border attacks.

World

Pope on Reformation: Forgive 'errors' of past, forge unity

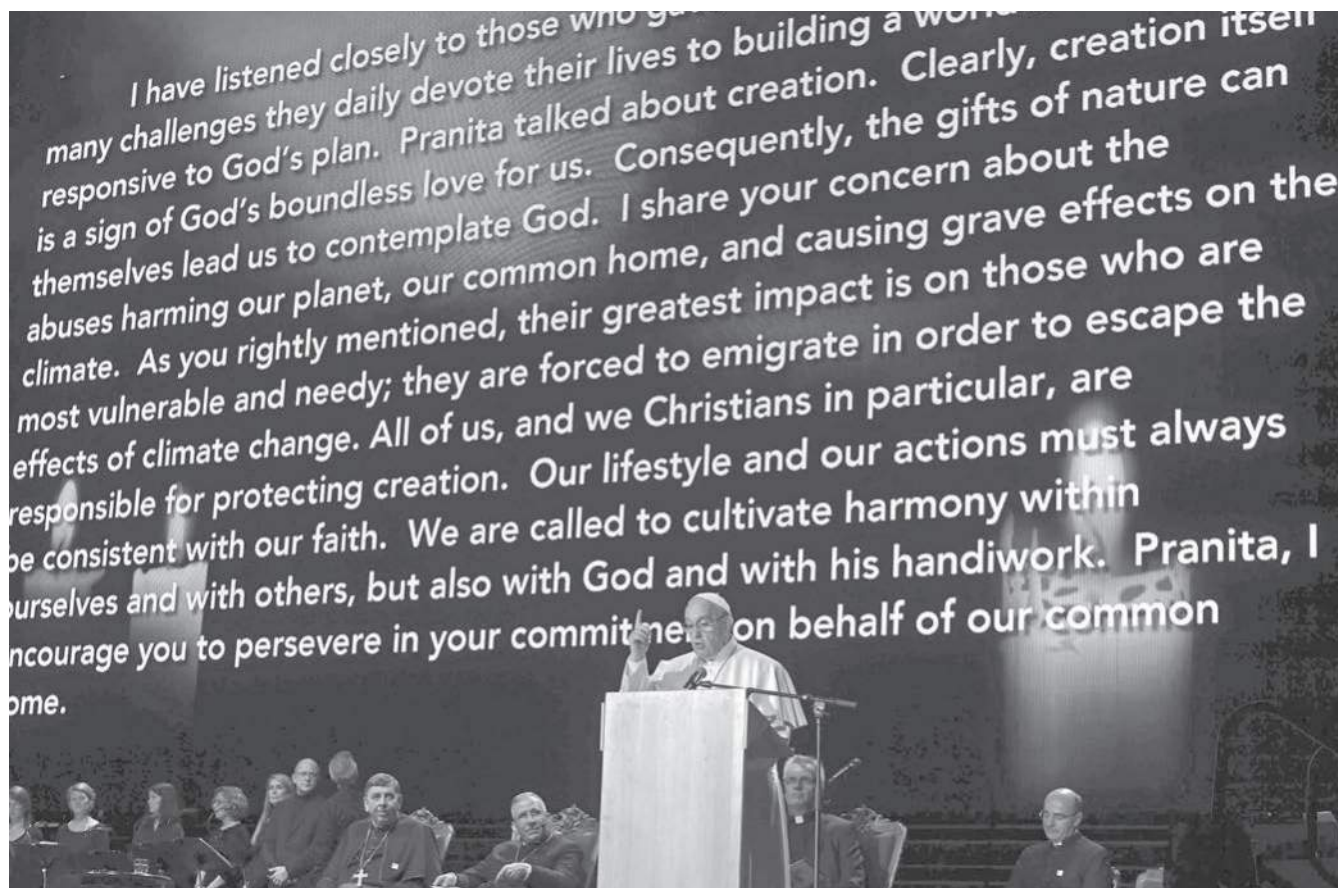
LUND, Sweden (AP)—Pope Francis urged Catholics and Lutherans on Monday to forgive the "errors" of the past and forge a future together, including sharing the Eucharist, as he marked the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation by traveling to secular Sweden with a message of Christian unity.

Francis and the leaders of the Lutheran World Federation presided over an ecumenical prayer service in the Lund cathedral, the first time a pope has commemorated the anniversary of Martin Luther's revolt with such a symbolically powerful gesture.

Francis quoted Luther and praised him for having restored the centrality of Scripture to the church.

"The spiritual experience of Martin Luther challenges us to remember that apart from God, we can do nothing," Francis said.

Francis and the Lutheran federation president, Bishop Munib Younan, drew sustained applause at the end of the service when they signed a joint declaration pledging to improve relations through dialogue, while working together to heal conflicts, welcome refugees and care for the planet. The goal of the theological dialogue, the statement said, was to bring Catholics and Lutherans together at



AP
Pope Francis presides over an ecumenical event at the Malmö arena, Sweden, Monday, Oct. 31, 2016.

religious wars erupted, including the Thirty Years War in 1618-48, one of Europe's bloodiest conflicts.

In Sweden, Catholics who rejected the new Lutheran faith were punished with deportation or death.

As a result, the pope's visit to Sweden to kick-start the yearlong Protestant anniversary initially raised eyebrows. But the Vatican and Lutheran church both insisted the event was no celebration of Luther's revolt. Rather, they stressed it was a solemn commemoration to ask forgiveness for the schism and rejoice that relations have improved.

Francis' visit "is proof of how far we have come ecumenically over the past 25-30 years," said Lisa Valkehed, a Lutheran watching the Lund event at a nearby arena.

the Eucharistic table.

Disputes over whether Catholics and Lutherans can receive Communion in one another's churches remain an obstacle after five decades of theological talks.

The Protestant Reformation started in 1517 after Luther nailed 95 theses on the church door in the town of Wittenberg, Germany, denouncing what he saw as the abuses of the Catholic Church, especially the sale

of indulgences.

Pope Leo X excommunicated him, but the church

couldn't stop his teachings from spreading throughout northern Europe or the

world, leading to the great schism in Western Christianity. As Protestantism spread,

Iraqi special forces poised on eastern edge of Mosul

BAZWAYA, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi special forces stood poised to enter Mosul in an offensive to drive out Islamic State militants after sweeping into the last village on the city's eastern edge Monday while fending off suicide car bombs without losing a soldier.

Armored vehicles, including Abrams tanks, drew fire from mortars and small arms as they moved on the village of Bazwaya in an assault that began at dawn, while artillery and airstrikes hit IS positions.

By evening, the fighting had stopped and units took up positions less than a mile from Mosul's eastern border and about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the center, two weeks into the offensive to retake



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Iraq's second-largest city.

"We will enter the city of Mosul soon and liberate it from Daesh," said Brig. Gen.

Haider Fadhil of Iraq's special forces, using an Arabic acronym for the extremists. He added that more than 20 militants had been killed while his forces suffered only one light injury from a fall.

Three suicide car bombers had tried to stop the advance before the army took control of Bazwaya, but the troops destroyed them, he said. The army said another unit, its 9th Division, had moved toward Mosul and was about 5 kilometers (3 miles) from its eastern outskirts, the neighborhood of Gogjali.

At one point, a Humvee packed with explosives raced ahead and tried to ram the approaching forces, but Iraqi troops opened fire, blowing

it up. Plumes of smoke rose from IS positions hit by artillery and airstrikes that the army said came from the U.S.-led coalition.

State TV described the operation as a "battle of honor" to liberate the city, which was captured by IS from a superior yet neglected Iraqi force in 2014.

Some residents hung white flags on buildings and windows in a sign they would not resist government troops, said Maj. Salam al-Obeidi, a member of the special forces operation in Bazwaya. He said troops asked villagers to stay in their homes as Iraqi forces moved through the streets—a precaution against possible suicide bombers.

Bus passenger kills 4 suspected thieves near Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Apparently outraged by constant robberies aboard commuter buses on the outskirts of Mexico City, an armed passenger fatally shot four men who had just held up a busload of passengers, prosecutors said Monday.

The case described by prosecutors in Mexico State, which borders the capital, was the latest instance of vigilante-style killings in the crime-plagued suburban bus system. In August, local media reported that an armed passenger in another part of Mexico State shot at four thieves on a bus, killing two of them.

The latest case began when four bodies were found Monday dumped along a major highway connecting Mexico's capital with the nearby city of Toluca. Suspicion initially focused on criminal gangs that sometimes dump bodies of victims in the area, but prosecutors said a bus ticket in one of the dead men's pockets led them to the bus driver, who told them what happened.

"Investigations have established the four suspects were thieves, who minutes before they lost their lives had stolen the possessions of passengers aboard a bus," the state prosecutors' office said.

Just before dawn, the four got on the bus and threatened passengers with a gun, collecting booty that apparently included wallets, purses and cellphones, the office said.

"When the suspects were about to get off the bus, a passenger stood up and shot at them, causing injuries that killed the four," it said.

Prosecutors said the armed passenger retrieved the backpack in which the thieves had stowed stolen items and returned them to passengers, then got off and fled.

In recent months, authorities have stationed police at bus stations and aboard buses, though that has done little to reassure the millions of residents who use the buses and crowded freeways each day to get to their jobs in Mexico City.

TREVI, Italy (AP)—Sister Caterina was praying with the eight nuns of her Benedictine order in the central Italian town of Norcia when the earth began to roar.

The abbey and the ground beneath the nuns' feet shook and they were thrown around. The ceiling cracked and crumbled. A cupboard crashed to the ground.

Stepping to the door, Sister Caterina caught a glimpse of how the Sunday-morning earthquake was being experienced in the town below.

"Smoke, and people's cries of fear. If I close my eyes, I

cannot help but relive it," she recalled.

But once the 72-year-old nun saw that her fellow sisters were unharmed and the abbey's prayer room was still standing, she turned to her safe haven—her faith—and led the nuns back to prayer, asking that God might "at least save some lives."

Their prayers, it seems, were granted. No deaths have been reported so far from the quake that hit Norcia and the surrounding region—the third to shake the mountainous region some 100 kilometers northeast of Rome since August.

The latest earthquake—

magnitude-6.6, the strongest to hit Italy in 36 years—caused no deaths or serious injuries largely because the most vulnerable city centers had already been closed due to previous damage and many homes had been vacated.

What it did not spare was the nuns' own religious order, razing the basilica that had been built in 1200 on the ruins of a 1st-century Roman building, and remodeled several times over the centuries, including the addition of a 14th-century bell tower. Only the facade remains.

"Seeing the basilica collapse was truly sad, like cut-

ting a story: here it ends. But how do we start again?" said Sister Caterina.

After 30 to 45 minutes of prayer, police arrived at the abbey to bring the nuns to safety, along with eight other cloistered nuns who had no contact with the outside world.

Television pictures showed some of the nuns running into the town's main piazza as the earth began to shake again, and later kneel in prayer.

Sister Caterina went back into the monastery only once, to get her cell phone, which was ringing with calls from worried relatives.

Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

Garden in containers to get an easy, colorful, dressed-up look for fall

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DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

It's fall and the feeling is fine — crisp cool days and warm stews.

It's also the season to use container gardening to extend the beauty and good vibes of autumn into your yard.

"Fall containers are a great way to add a splash of color to a landscape that can be tired from the summer heat," says Grace Chapman Elton, director of horticulture at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden — www.lewisginter.org — in Richmond, Va.

"At Lewis Ginter, we like to mix evergreen shrubs such as holly, osmanthus and Indian hawthorn with cool weather annual plants such as English daisy, violas, or ornamental cabbages and kales. It is also fun to use deciduous shrubs such as red or yellow twig dogwood that have colorful bare branches, or winterberry holly that holds onto its bright berries after losing its leaves. Another approach is to add cut evergreen branches to annual containers. The cut branches will last a few weeks and when they start to dry out, just pull them out and replace them with fresh cuttings."

MORE IDEAS

For Lewis Ginter horticulturist Shannon Smith, fall containers are a transition that includes some plants that can stay summer through winter. "At the same time, I keep things fresh by including a mix of a few other plants that come out and are replaced once a season has finished," she says.

For others, it's all about fall vegetables. "I always love mixing vegetables with fall blooming asters, nasturtiums and grasses," says Heather Veneziano, children's garden horticulturist at Lewis Ginter.

"An easy and inexpensive way to add color and interest to fall containers is to include painted and yarn-wrapped sticks."

In southeastern Virginia, Marie Butler likes to layer bulbs with daffodil and crocus under violas or pansies with an evergreen and a series of seasonal decorations — a mum, Halloween skull, Thanksgiving pumpkin and Christmas snowman.

"Fall is a traditional time for us, so a container needs to evolve as the season progresses," says Butler, who recently retired as a horticulturist with the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk. "Best of all, the bulbs will transition into spring."

If hydrangeas are your passion, consider using stems of them in containers with gourds



TNS
Marie Butler of southeastern Virginia favors fall containers that also feature holiday looks.

TNS
Autumn Fire, the newest Encore reblooming azalea, is a dwarf plant suitable for containers.



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Painted and yarn-wrapped sticks are crafty, affordable ways to add color and fun to fall containers.

and pumpkins at the base. Proven Winners, a nationally sold brand of shrubs, perennials and annuals, suggests a "cheater" way to get a fall container: cut Limelight hydrangea stems when they are still fresh and colorful and stick them into any container that's tired looking after summer's heat.

CONTAINER PLANTS 101

If you use perennials or small

shrubs in containers and want to over winter them for enjoyment next year, here's how, according to www.ProvenWinners.com and other garden experts:

■ Select a perennial or shrub that is two zones harder than the cold hardy zone where you live.

■ Perennials and shrubs outside your zone can be stored in an unheated garage or buried in the ground for the

winter, or transplanted before mid-December.

■ Plants in pots need water throughout winter but avoid keeping them wet, and provide good drainage holes.

■ Fertilize potted plants in spring when active growth begins again.

NEW AZALEA

Autumn Fire, one of the newest reblooming Encore azaleas, is a compact shrub suit-



TNS
A Black Lace fall container (Black Lace is an elderberry) contains stems mixed with perennials and annuals that still look good in fall—heuchera, euphorbia and osteospermum (daisy).

able for large pots.

The dwarf azalea, which blooms spring, summer and fall, features dark-green foliage that takes on purple tinges in winter, adding another season of eye-catching interest. Its flowers are vibrant red. The plant, which thrives in light shade to full sun (four to six hours of direct sun for best blooms), grows less than three feet tall and wide, so no prun-

ing is needed.

Azaleas planted in containers need good potting soil and excellent drainage, just like all plants put in pots. If you tire of Autumn Fire in a container, just plant it in your garden and enjoy it for years to come.

Autumn Fire is one of 30 Encore azaleas available at garden centers nationwide; learn more about the colors and sizes at www.encoreazalea.com.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

Manhattan Clam Chowder

Chowder clams are flavorful but tough and must be chopped after cooking. Substitute cherrystone clams, if you like; there's no need to chop them.

5 cups water
36 chowder or cherrystone clams, scrubbed
5 slices bacon, finely chopped
1 large (12 ounce) onion, finely chopped
2 large carrots, peeled and finely chopped
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
1 pound (3 medium) all-purpose potatoes, peeled and finely chopped
1/2 bay leaf
1 1/4 teaspoons dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 can (28 ounces) plum tomatoes
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
3/4 teaspoon salt

1. In nonreactive 8-quart saucepot, heat 1 cup water to boiling over high heat. Add clams; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until clams open, 5 to 10 minutes, transferring clams to bowl as they open. Discard any clams that have not opened.

2. When cool enough to handle, remove clams from shells and coarsely chop. Strain clam broth through sieve lined with paper towels into bowl.

3. In same clean saucepot, cook bacon over medium heat until browned; add onion and cook until tender, 5 minutes. Add carrots and celery; cook 5 minutes.

4. Add clam broth to bacon mixture in saucepot. Add potatoes, remaining 4 cups water, bay leaf, thyme and pepper; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add tomatoes with their liquid, breaking them up with side of spoon, and simmer 10 minutes longer.

5. Stir in chopped clams and heat through. Discard bay leaf and sprinkle with parsley. Taste for seasoning; add salt as needed. Makes about 12 cups, or 12 first-course servings.

* Each serving: About 117 calories, 6g total fat (2g saturated), 5g protein, 12g carbohydrates, 12mg cholesterol, 342mg sodium.

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Life & Style

Adele opens up on postpartum depression battle, alcohol use

Warner Bros.' 'The Flash' film loses director Rick Famuyiwa

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Warner Bros. and DC Comics film "The Flash" has hit a roadblock. Director Rick Famuyiwa on Monday said in a statement that he and the studio could not "come together creatively" on the project, which he's been attached to since June.

Ezra Miller stars as the speedy superhero in the film, which is slated for a March 2018 release.

Famuyiwa, known for the indie "Dope," appeared at Comic-Con earlier this year on behalf of the film along-

side fellow DC directors Zack Snyder, Patty Jenkins, James Wan and Ben Affleck.

His departure is the latest bump on the road for Warner Bros.' expanding DC universe, which has had a somewhat gloomy year with critically derided, but decently successful films like "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and "Suicide Squad."

"The Flash" is not the only superhero picture with troubles lately. Rival studio Fox recently saw the departure of "Deadpool 2" director Tim Miller, also over creative differences.

NEW YORK (AP)—Adele has opened up about parenting, her struggle with postpartum depression and alcohol use in a new interview.

The 28-year-old singer tells Vanity Fair she felt

like she had made "the worst decision" of her life after having her son, Angelo, who's now 4. She says she eventually had to spend some time alone in order to overcome her postpartum depression.

Adele also touched on cutting back on her drinking and quitting smoking. She says "having a hangover with a child is torture." She says she used to be a "massive drinker," but now only indulges in two glass-

es of wine a week.

The comments are in the December issue of Vanity Fair, which hits newsstands Thursday.

Adele wraps up a nearly yearlong tour of Europe and North America on Nov. 21.

In book, Zayn opens up about eating disorder, 1D, anxiety

NEW YORK (AP)—Since he left One Direction, Zayn has been public with his battle with anxiety. But the singer also says he was struggling with even more behind-the-scenes—a possible eating disorder.

Zayn made the revelation in his new autobiography "Zayn," out Tuesday via Penguin Random House, and also discussed it in an interview with The Associated Press.

"When I look back at the images of myself from around November 2014, before the final tour, I can see how ill I was," the 23-year-old writes in the book, calling it an "eating disorder."

In an interview with the AP, Zayn explains that he was so busy on the road, he would forget to eat.

"I realized that I wasn't eating as much just down to the amount of work that we were doing ... our schedule was kind of crazy so we were all over the place," he said in an interview on Friday.

"It was just more down to losing track of, you know, actually eating and being super busy and getting caught up with other things that 17 or 18-year-olds do, which normally entails them going out, drinking or



In this Oct. 28, 2016 photo, singer Zayn Malik, formerly of One Direction, poses for a portrait in West Hollywood, Calif., to promote his new book, "Zayn."

partying, so it was a mixture of everything," he said.

However, looking back on it now, he now downplays the seriousness of it all: "I don't think I ever had an eating disorder. I was never diagnosed with one of them." Explaining that he would miss meals while in 1D, he now is better managing his eating: "I'm a

bit older and a bit more wiser."

In the book, his prologue is dedicated to 1D and the phenomenal success they achieved in a short time—selling out stadiums around the world, winning countless awards, launching back-to-back hits and platinum-plus albums.

"I'm massively grateful for the opportunity to be in that

group," he said to AP of the pop group, formed in 2010 on "The X Factor" in the United Kingdom. "It was a wicked part of my life."

Still, he bolted from the group because he felt lost and needed time to collect his thoughts. He yearned to sing songs in a different style and write his own lyrics.

Obama says Clinton to face unfair gender attacks if elected

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama predicted that some of Hillary Clinton's opponents will belittle her as overly emotional if she becomes the nation's first woman president.

Obama's critics falsely claimed he wasn't born in the U.S. During an appearance on TBS' "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" Monday, he was asked what the equivalent for Clinton will be.

"I think the equivalent will be 'she's tired, she's moody, she's being emotional,'" Obama said in the interview with Bee, which was taped last week.

Obama added that there's a double standard in politics, where men are praised for being ambitious but women are not.

The president also said 18-year-old daughter Malia Obama has voted for the first time in this election. When asked what makes him angrier—Republicans trying to stop people from voting, or young people choosing not to—Obama said the latter.

"The truth of the matter is, even with voter ID laws and restrictive practices and making it harder for people to find where their polling place is, if you want to vote, you can vote," Obama said.

Panhandling mother needs assistance, not a lecture

DEAR ABBY: I went to the market the other day, and there was a woman sitting on the sidewalk with two children—a boy who looked to be about 6 and a girl about 2. She was holding a sign asking for help (\$). I wanted so badly to say something to her about what a poor example she was setting for her children by begging. It made me angry because I imagine she's using her kids as "props" to evoke sympathy.

This is a nice area. I would think she could better present herself to her kids by looking for a job! What would have been an appropriate comment to make to her that might help put her on the right track to show her kids how to grow up to be responsible people who work for a living?

LOOKING OUT FOR CHILDREN IN IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR LOOKING: It's wrong to assume anything when you see someone who is panhandling. The woman you saw could have been homeless, drug-addicted, short on money or mentally ill. She could also have fled an abusive husband or partner. That's why it's inappropriate to scold or lecture a panhandler.

If you had said anything at all, you might have offered that there are dozens of shelters and organizations in Irvine that help the unfortunate, and if she reached out to them, she might find the help she needs to get settled and find a job.

DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old grandson, "Joey," is the light

of my life. He's outgoing, compassionate, smart and fun. The "problem" is, he prefers girl things to boy things, and has since he was old enough to express his wants. Fashion, makeup, hairstyles—he is the expert. His parents grumble, but realize that he can be who he is and be happy, or they can try to change him and he will turn out to be neurotic.

The issue is with the father of a friend of his who will not accept who Joey is. The man yells at Joey for playing with girl things and tells his son to tell on Joey when he does girl things.

Abby, this man is the principal of a middle school. As a retired educator, I want to speak with him about his behavior and the effect it can have on a young child. What could I say that might make him realize that this is not only detrimental to Joey, but to all those young minds he helps to shape on a daily basis?

LIGHT OF MY LIFE

DEAR LIGHT: Joey's parents should talk to that man and demand that he stop bullying their son. They should warn him that if he scapegoats a child at his school that way, he could wind up in front of the school board and lose his job. He's not only discriminating, but also encouraging the scapegoating of at-risk children. And, I'm sad to say, Joey's parents should probably curtail their son's friendship with the man's son.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker, "Suzette," who, since

DEAR ABBY

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last month, has begun to smell like kitty litter every day. Suzette is in her mid-50s. While I consider her a friend, she can be temperamental and tends to fly off the handle and run to HR.

I would like to tell her about the odor in case it is something medical that's undiagnosed. Is there a way to say something that won't embarrass her or get me in trouble with HR?

DELICATE NOSE

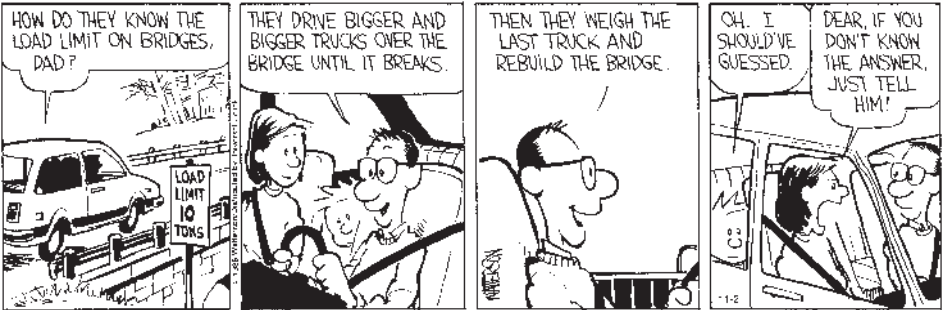
DEAR DELICATE: The way to handle this would be to inform HR and let someone there discuss it with her.

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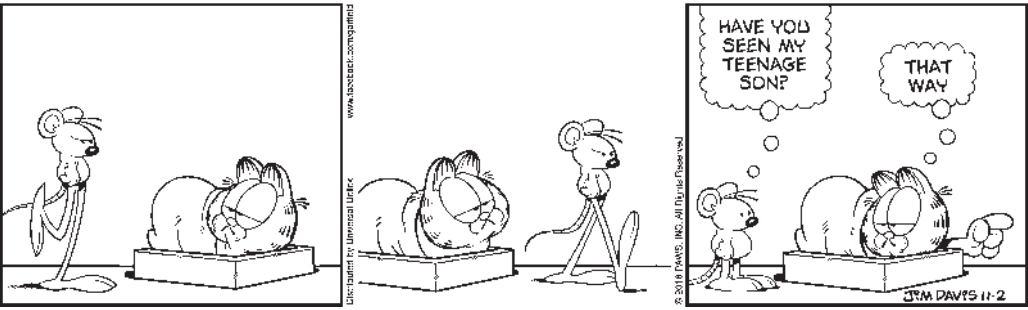
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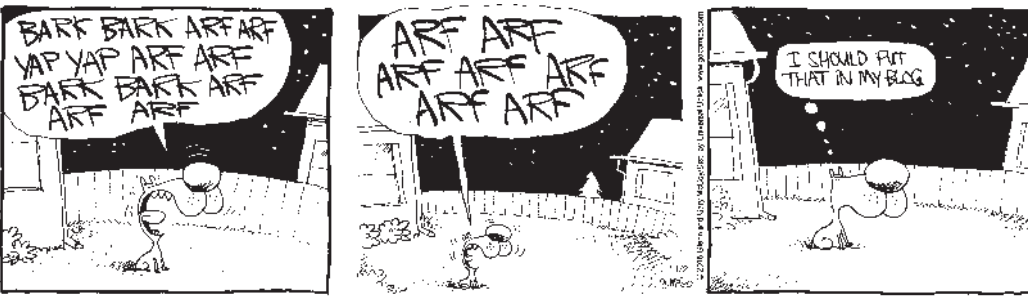
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Yesterdays answer 11-2

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Indians try to bring Cleveland long-awaited home party

CLEVELAND (AP)—Flash back to Oct. 12, 1920.

“An overjoyed crowd of nearly 28,000 fans blazed into a conflagration of hysterical excitement when the game was over and Cleveland had realized at last the baseball ambition of twoscore years,” The New York Times wrote the following day.

Stan Coveleski’s five-hitter led Cleveland over Brooklyn 3-0 that afternoon at League Park for a 5-2 win in that year’s best-of-nine World Series.

The Indians have not won the championship at home since, a streak they hope will end Tuesday night in Game 6 against the Chicago Cubs.

“We haven’t been able to celebrate in front of our fans once this postseason, so it would be definitely special to have the opportunity to do it in front of them,” first baseman Mike Napoli said Monday.

Cleveland’s only other World Series title was in 1948, when the Indians secured the crown with a Game 6 victory at Braves Field in Boston. The club then traveled home by train.

Eddie Robinson, the last living member from that team, planned to be at Progressive Field to watch Cleveland’s Josh Tomlin pitch against the Cubs’ Jake Arrieta with a 3-2 Series lead.

The 95-year-old Robinson was the starting first baseman on the ‘48 team, which featured Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, Larry Doby - who broke the AL color barrier - shortstop/manager Lou Boudreau and pitcher Bob Lemon.

No Cleveland team has secured a professional title at home since the Browns won the 1964 NFL Championship Game at Cleveland Municipal



AP
In this Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, file photo Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Cody Allen (37), catcher Roberto Perez (55) and teammates Andrew Miller and Coco Crisp celebrate the team’s 3-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays during Game 5 of the baseball American League Championship Series, in Toronto.

thought it was somewhat of a disadvantage going to the National League, subtracting one offensive player, and probably even more pronounced for different teams that have really profound, legitimate DHs,” Maddon said. “But for right now, at this moment in time, the fact that Kyle cannot play defense but can still play offense and run the bases, it does work out well for us.”

At Wrigley, Santana made two starts in left field, a position he had not played since 2012, and one at first base.

“It helps keeping the body warm, and I like being out there in the field,” he said. “Being a designated hitter is a bit more complicated. I try to gather advice on how to do it better. I always ask David Ortiz, and he’s giving me good pointers, but there’s still room to improve.”

Both teams were among the big leagues’ best at home this year. Chicago led the majors with a 57-24 record, and Cleveland was tied for second with 53 victories in its own ballpark.

“When you’re on the road, one, it’s kind of you against the world, which is OK,” Indians manager Terry Francona said. “But the biggest thing of all is when you’re the home team, you hit last, so you get to use your bullpen differently, and that’s a huge advantage.”

Stadium, and the city missed this year’s big events, too.

First, the Cavaliers completed their NBA Finals comeback on the road, beating Golden State in Game 7 for the city’s first major pro sports championship in 52 years. Then, the Indians clinched the AL Central crown at Detroit, won the AL Division Series in Boston and the AL Championship Series at Toronto.

After winning Games 3 and 4 in Chicago to open a 3-1 Series lead, the Indians lost 3-2 Sunday at Wrigley Field.

“It’ll be ideal. We have a better situation to do it now,” second baseman Jason Kipnis said.

Chicago, which hasn’t won

it all since 1908, is trying to become the first team to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals and the first to do it by winning Games 6 and 7 on the road since the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Arrieta, who pitched no-hit ball into the sixth inning to win Game 2, starts on five days’ rest for the Cubs against Tomlin, who will have had three days off since throwing 58 pitches in his Game 3 no-decision.

If the Cubs force Game 7, Kyle Hendricks would pitch on regular rest for Chicago against Corey Kluber, who would make another start on

short rest and try to become the first pitcher to win three starts in one Series since Detroit’s Mickey Lolich in 1968.

Chicago delayed its charter flight to Cleveland until Monday night. In the Wrigley Field clubhouse, a message said: “Halloween costumes are encouraged on the plane.”

“We wanted them to have the opportunity to be with their kids today during the Halloween moment,” Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. “After that game last night, believe me, man, I was in no mood to get up and travel today. I think it

actually is working out pretty well. We’re going to get in at a really good hour, grab stuff to eat and go to bed.”

With the switch to the American League ballpark, the designated hitter is back: Carlos Santana for the Indians and Kyle Schwarber for the Cubs. Schwarber was out from April 7 until the Series opener after tearing knee ligaments. He has not been given medical clearance to play the field, so he was limited to one pinch-hitting appearance at home. He is 3 for 8 in the Series with a double, two walks and two RBIs.

“When I managed in the American League, I always

CLEVELAND (AP)—The guy who has spent the last three months possibly redefining what it means to be a closer remains in awe of the guy who took his job this spring.

Sorry, Andrew Miller can’t help it. Aroldis Chapman’s stuff is so electric, it’s impossible to turn away.

“I love watching him pitch,” Miller said. “I don’t change the channel when he’s on TV.”

At the moment, his view is even better. The Cleveland Indians reliever can just glance over at the Chicago Cubs bullpen during the World Series to get his fix of Chapman’s seemingly endless stream of triple-digit fastballs.

“There’s a perception that it’s easy for him because he’s such an outlier,” Miller said. “But he’s got a tremendous work ethic and in the way he goes about getting himself prepared.”

Miller would know. They were in the bullpen together for 2 1/2 months with the New

‘Pen pals: Former Yanks Chapman, Miller could decide Series

York Yankees this season. New York acquired Chapman last December, and the Cuban left-hander bumped Miller to a setup role when he returned from a domestic violence suspension in May. Miller had tied for second in the AL with 36 saves the year before.

The experiment lasted until the trade deadline. Treading water in late July, the Yankees sent Chapman to the Cubs and Miller to the Indians in exchange for prospects while committing to a full rebuild.

Three months later, the two players who began the season trying to help the Yankees win a 28th World Series title find themselves playing vital roles on teams that have combined for a small fraction of that number (four). Miller and the Indians can clinch the club’s first championship since 1948 on Tuesday night in Game 6, while Chapman and the Cubs

are hoping for a chance to send it to a deciding Game 7 as Chicago tries to end a 108-year drought.

On the surface, Miller and Chapman could be carbon copies of each other: hard-throwing lefties who overwhelm batters with power. The reality is a bit more complex thanks in large part to the unorthodox way Cleveland manager Terry Francona deploys Miller.

In an era of clearly defined bullpen roles, Francona uses Miller as a 6-foot-7 piece of duct tape. Sometimes, the seventh inning needs to be patched up. Sometimes the eighth. Sometimes the sixth. Sometimes, all three. And Miller, a former first-round pick who spent the first half of his career trying to make it as a starter before the Boston Red Sox gave up and converted him into a reliever in 2012, has

responded by putting together one of the most dominant postseason runs ever.

Nine times during the playoffs, Miller has jogged to the mound. The Indians are undefeated in those nine games. It’s not a coincidence. He’s entered as early as the fifth and as late as the eighth, recording at least four outs in every appearance. His numbers—2-0 with a save and a 0.36 ERA, striking out 39 against just five walks—look like a typo or something out of a video game where “fatigue” has been turned off.

They’re not.

“Andrew’s the model of just pitch whenever,” Francona said. “The kid’s unbelievable.”

Even Miller is having a hard time describing the run he’s on, one fueled by a nearly unhittable slider that forces batters like Chicago first baseman Anthony Rizzo to play the

baseball version of the lottery every time they swing.

“You just hope you pick the right lane,” Rizzo said.

Almost nobody has. Opponents are hitting .140 against Miller, who doesn’t seem to tire whether he’s throwing 17 pitches or 37. He attributes his elasticity to the gadgetry Cleveland’s training staff uses to keep him fresh and the survival instincts honed from the days when he was simply clinging to a spot on a major league roster.

“It’s not something you offer, it’s something you have to have,” he said. “If you’re not flexible, you’re not going to have a spot in the big leagues.”

Besides, as Miller points out “there’s very few closers who become closers right away and fall into that routine.”

Meaning closers like Chapman, who took over the job in Cincinnati in 2012 proceeded

to make four straight All-Star teams. The 28-year-old Cuban is a meticulous creature of habit, so used to being used in the ninth inning—and almost exclusively the ninth inning—that Cubs manager Joe Maddon checked with Chapman before Game 5 about entering earlier.

The call ended up coming with one out in the seventh and Chicago up a run. Chapman responded by allowing just one hit over 2 2/3 innings to preserve a 3-2 victory and pick up his fourth save of the playoffs. The way Chapman went about his business, it was almost Miller-esque.

“That was impressive,” Francona said. “I mean, kind of like what Andrew’s done, he kind of did the same thing.”

A performance the Cubs would love to see a couple more times.

“I like our chances when he’s in the game,” Cubs catcher David Ross said. “He’s a presence.”

Cutler, Howard lead Bears to 20-10 win over Vikings



CHICAGO

(AP)—Jay Cutler's halftime speech—yup, that Jay Cutler—helped the Chicago Bears turn a strong start into one surprising victory.

Cutler threw for 252 yards and a touchdown after missing five games with a thumb injury, rookie Jordan Howard ran for a career-high 153 yards and a TD, and the Bears beat the Minnesota Vikings 20-10 on Monday night.

Chicago (2-6) sacked Sam Bradford five times while handing NFC North-leading Minnesota (5-2) its second straight loss.

Cutler was on target in his return from a sprained right thumb, and Howard easily surpassed his previous high of 118 yards. Alshon Jeffery got his first touchdown reception of the season while helping Chicago outgain Minnesota 403 yards to 258.

"I think it was more fun just to watch my teammates and see how hard they played and how well they played," Cutler said. "One win coming into this one, they had a lot of outside noise."

Cutler has faced criticism for his body language and leadership skills throughout his time in Chicago, but Jeffery said the quarterback told his teammates to "keep our pedal to the metal" at halftime.

"Everyone in there is from different backgrounds and different cultures, societies," Cutler said. "Whatever it takes to find the inspiration - because motivation usually wears off at some point during the game. Those guys played inspired football."

Minnesota's performance was far from inspired.

Steelers QB Roethlisberger practices in limited capacity

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger practiced in a limited capacity on Monday, just two weeks after undergoing surgery to repair the meniscus in his left knee.

Whether Roethlisberger is healthy enough to start under center when the Steelers visit their rival Baltimore Ravens on Sunday remains to be seen.

Still, Roethlisberger, who did not speak to reporters after practice, was initially expected to miss 4 to 6 weeks following the surgery, but he could return earlier than expected.

"We always talk about the next man up, but you can't replace Ben Roethlisberger," offensive lineman Marcus Gilbert said. "He's one of the greatest. He's our leader."

Teammates confirmed that



Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, left, and Minnesota Vikings quarterback Sam Bradford (8) talk after an NFL football game in Chicago, Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. Chicago won 20-10.

"We're a good team," guard Brandon Fusco said. "It's not us. It's not Viking football. That's what is frustrating, we're such a good team. What we're putting out on the field is not us. We have to watch the film and get better from this."

Cutler had not played since he left the second game of the season against Philadelphia. But with his future up in the air after coach John Fox wavered in his commitment to him as the starter, he made a triumphant return.

Cutler completed 20 of 31 passes, including an 11-yard touchdown to Jeffery early in the third that made it 20-3. Whether he quieted fans who thought the Bears were better off with Brian Hoyer is another issue. But that became a moot point when Hoyer broke his left arm last week in a Thursday night loss at Green Bay.

Howard had a 69-yard run, the longest for Chicago in seven years. Zach Miller added 88 yards receiving as the Bears stopped a three-game losing streak.

Bradford, playing behind a porous line, had another rough game after getting sacked six times the previous week against Philadelphia. He was

23 of 37 for 228 yards.

Matt Asiata ran for 42 yards with Jerick McKinnon sidelined by an ankle injury.

With a sparse and quiet crowd looking on, the Bears led 13-3 at halftime. It was almost a bigger advantage, but Chicago settled for field goals on its first two trips inside the 20.

GOING LONG

Howard, a fifth-round draft pick, broke off a 69-yard run to the 13 on Chicago's first

possession. It was the longest rushing play for the Bears since Kahlil Bell's 72-yarder against Philadelphia on Nov. 22, 2009. But instead of a touchdown, the Bears got a field goal from Connor Barth.

DENYING DISCORD

Fox denied a report of discord between the coaching staff and front office and that the organization has brought in an outside consultant to examine the football operation.

"There's no truth to that.

This is as unified of an organization and football team as I've ever been associated with," Fox said.

OFFICIAL INJURED

Head linesman Ed Walker was taken from the field on a cart after he slipped on the Soldier Field grass in the first quarter. Walker was injured running down the Vikings' sideline as the Bears punted. His legs buckled, and he was tended to for several minutes by medical personnel before being placed on the cart.

INJURIES

Vikings: G Alex Boone was being evaluated for a concussion. ... CB Captain Munnerlyn hurt his foot. ... SS Andrew Sendejo (ankle) sat out and Jayron Kearsae started in his place.

Bears: The Bears held out RG Kyle Long (strained triceps) and LG Josh Sitton (ankle). Ted Larsen started at right guard and Eric Kush at left guard.

UP NEXT

Vikings: Face division rival Detroit for the first time this season when they host the Lions on Sunday.

Bears: Have a bye before visiting Tampa Bay on Nov. 13.

With Bradford knocked around again, can Vikes be for real?

CHICAGO (AP)—Quarterback Sam Bradford probably wishes now he'd bought travel insurance for the journey that brought him to Minnesota just in time for the season opener.

What seemed like a steal for most of the last two months as the Vikings cruised to a 5-0 start increasingly feels like a bad trip.

The Chicago Bears exploited the same weaknesses in a 20-10 victory Monday night the Eagles had a week ago, plowing through a slapped-together offensive line and sacking Bradford five times. After stuffing the Vikings punch-less running attack time and again in the first half, Bears defenders keyed on Bradford and forced him into hurried throws an additional nine times.

"Obviously, the last two weeks haven't gone our way," Bradford said. "It's not the same team that came out and started 5-0, but we've got that same team in the locker

room. ... We just have to figure the way we did it, what the formula was those first five weeks and do it."

After being sacked six times in Philadelphia, Bradford wound up 23 of 37 for 228 yards and a touchdown that pulled Minnesota within 10 points with little more than five minutes remaining. But coach Mike Zimmer conceded afterward the Bears were better in nearly every phase of the game.

"Sometimes, you get beat. They played better than we did," Zimmer said in one of his longer answers. "Simple as that."

Unlike last week, when the coach criticized his offensive line for playing "soft" in an "embarrassing loss," Zimmer avoided calling out any unit. He spent most of his five minutes at the podium tightly gripping the side of the lectern and at one point almost looked to be in pain, pinching the bridge of his nose with his thumb and forefinger.

Asked directly whether he was "hopeful" he could shore up the offensive line, Zimmer said, "It's difficult right now. We haven't proven it yet."

"So I don't know if 'hopeful' is the right word," he added. "We got to get it fixed, though."

The troubles up front limited Minnesota's ground game to just 57 yards on 18 attempts. Matt Asiata had 30 yards on 11 carries, and like the offensive line, assistance isn't likely to arrive anytime soon. Running back Adrian Peterson, who suffered a knee injury against the Packers in Week 2, is eligible to return in late November but could be out longer.

Even the Vikings defense, rated No. 1 overall in the NFL, was no help.

That unit was expected to keep Minnesota comfortably in the running for the wide-open NFC North. But Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, returning from a right thumb injury that shelved him late in Week 2, had plenty of time to

roll up 252 yards and a touchdown on 20-of-31 passing.

"I thought he played well. He threw the ball well," was about all Zimmer would say.

Where the Vikings turn for immediate help is anyone's guess.

General manager Rick Spielman surrendered a first- and conditional fourth-round pick to get Bradford from Philadelphia after starting QB Teddy Bridgewater was injured. During the bye week, the Vikings coaxed veteran tackle Jake Long out of semi-retirement to shore up the offensive line, but that experiment seems doomed.

Long was responsible for two of the Eagles' six sacks a week earlier—both led to strips—and Chicago's rookie edge rusher Leonard Floyd blew by him for the Bears' first sack.

"We got to keep Sam upright," Long said. "When he has a clean pocket he does great things. We just can't let him get hit like that."

Bulls rout Nets 118-88 in road opener, improve to 3-0



NEW YORK (AP)—Dwyane Wade left his defender in the dust with a vintage crossover that brought players on the Chicago bench and fans behind them to their feet.

"He's still got some 'ahh' in his bag," teammate Jimmy Butler said. "Very impressive."

So are the new-look Bulls.

Butler scored 22 points, Wade had 12 in the first road game of his career not played for Miami, and the Bulls improved to 3-0 by beating the Brooklyn Nets 118-88 on Monday night.

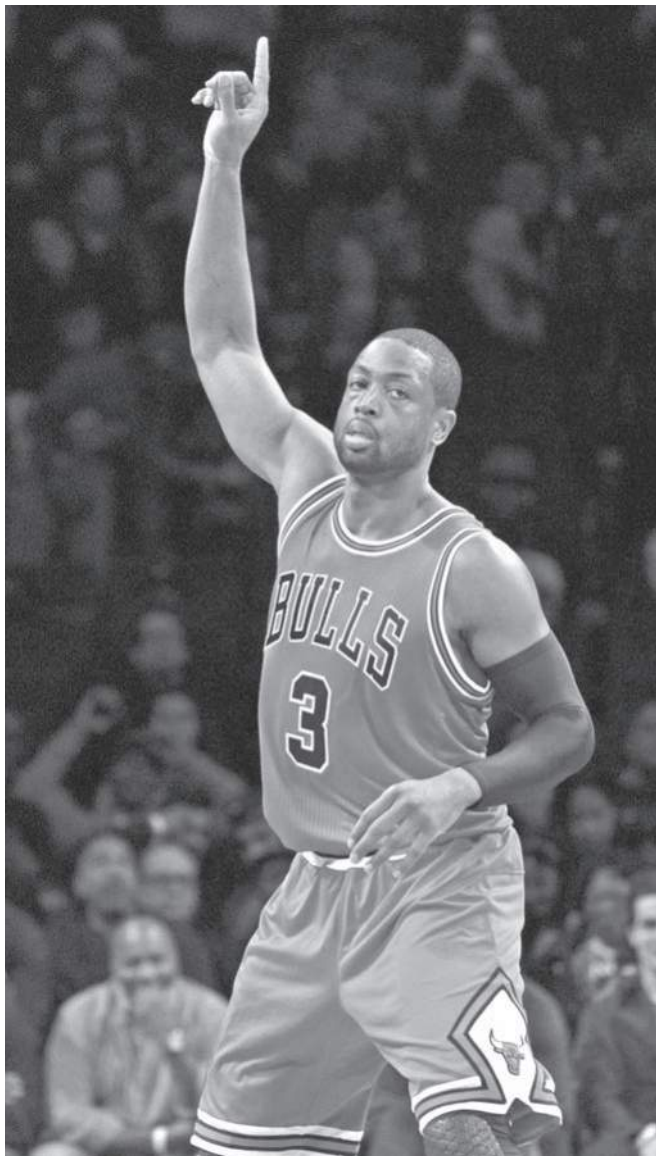
With Wade and Rajon Rondo in a revamped backcourt, the Bulls opened with home victories against Eastern Conference playoff teams Boston and Indiana before easily handling their road opener, leading by as many as 33 points.

"We only played a little bit together in the preseason, so we're still learning each other right now. We're only three games in, but we see it looking good at times," Wade said.

The Bulls had seven players in double figures, with Wade becoming the last of them when he blew by Bojan Bogdanovic with that crossover and was fouled on a drive to the basket in the fourth quarter.

Nikola Mirotic had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Taj Gibson added 14 points and 11 boards for the Bulls.

Bogdanovic scored 15 points and Jeremy Lin had 14 for the Nets, who fell to 1-3.



Hawks 106, Kings 95

In Atlanta, Dwight Howard had 18 points, Kyle Korver and Dennis Schroder scored 17 points apiece, and the Hawks beat the Kings for their first 3-0 start in five seasons.

Every Atlanta starter scored in double figures, and the Hawks held Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins in check

after he averaged 30 points in the Kings' first three games. He finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Rudy Gay scored 22 points for Sacramento (2-2), which led 81-79 after three quarters. Matt Barnes also scored 14

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their goals in the 49th, 65th, and 79th minute.

Paire 1, Sun Palace 1

The last game in Division A saw Sun Palace forcing a draw against Paire.

Paire logged the first goal in the match, thanks to Peter Loken's header in the 12th minute off a corner kick.

Paire kept the shaky lead in first half and in the majority of the second before Hojin Woo nailed the equalizer in the closing minutes of the game. Sun Palace improved to a 2-1-1 record for third place behind MP United and TanHoldings, while Paire is at fourth spot with its 1-1-1 slate.

DIVISION B Kanoa 3, Shirley's 2

Kanoa extended its winning run this season to four after slipping past Shirley's in last Sunday's match at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

The division leading team drew goals from three different players to edge third-ranked Shirley's (2-1-1). Russelle Zapanta started things off

Chicago Bulls guard Dwyane Wade (3) gestures after scoring a 3 point goal during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets, Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, in New York.

points, and Ben McLemore finished with 12.

Howard went 8 for 20 from the line, but also contributed 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Paul Millsap added 13 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Raptors 105, Nuggets 102

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points and Kyle Lowry had 29, leading Toronto to the victory.

DeRozan is the first Raptor ever to start a season with three straight 30-point games, and his run is one short of Mike James' stretch from 2006 for the longest run at any point in the season.

Danilo Gallinari, Will Barton and Emmanuel Mudiay each had 16 points for Denver, and Jusuf Nurkic added 13 points and a career-high 18 rebounds.

Lowry hit a tiebreaking 14-footer with 1:36 remaining.

Clippers 116, Suns 98

In Los Angeles, Chris Paul scored 24 points and Blake Griffin had 21 points and 11 rebounds to send Los Angeles

past winless Phoenix.

DeAndre Jordan, playing with a sprained right thumb that was wrapped in tape, added 19 points and 11 rebounds as the Clippers relied on their Big Three in improving to 3-0 this season.

Brandon Knight had 18 points for the Suns (0-4), who cut the lead to 56-55 in the

third quarter. The Clippers pulled away after that.

Griffin scored 15 points in the first half, when Los Angeles forced 14 turnovers. The Clippers closed with an 18-3 run to lead 48-36 at halftime.

Phoenix guard Devin Booker missed the game with a sprained toe.

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gram, Murig said they will still have four categories next season with the addition of the 50/70 division.

"Next season we will still have the Major, Junior, and Senior, and the 50/70. There are already two teams interested to join the 50/70 division," Murig said.

The SLLB board is hoping to kick off the 2017 season last week of January.

"This upcoming season will mark the 45th year of Little League which was started in 1972 if I am not mistaken and we plan to have something bigger for our opening ceremony, but nothing too fancy. I think it is only appropriate that we acknowledge the pioneers of the Little League Program here on Saipan, those that have passed and those that are still with us here today, along

with all the volunteers and the sponsors who have assisted in shaping the program to what it is today," he added.

Meanwhile, SLLB would like to thank those who supported the program last season. The list includes Best Sunshine International, Ltd., the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and its chairman Rep. John Paul Sablan, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Sen. Sixto Igisomar, league volunteers/umpires, and Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifo and his staff.

"History has proven that the continued partnership of the Saipan Little League program with various sponsors and our legislative and executive branches is key to the success of our program. We are on the hunt for a corporate sponsor for this 2017 season and I hope we get one that will invest in our youth program," Murig said.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
New York	1	1	.500	½
Brooklyn	1	3	.250	1½
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	1½

Southeast Division

Atlanta	3	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	2	1	.667	1
Miami	1	2	.333	2
Washington	0	2	.000	2½
Orlando	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

Chicago	3	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	3	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	1	.667	1
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	2
Indiana	1	2	.333	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	4	0	1.000	—
Houston	2	1	.667	1½
Memphis	2	1	.667	1½
New Orleans	0	3	.000	3½
Dallas	0	3	.000	3½

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	3	0	1.000	—
Portland	2	1	.667	1
Denver	1	2	.333	2
Utah	1	2	.333	2
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2½

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.000	—
Golden State	2	1	.667	1
Sacramento	2	2	.500	1½
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	2
Phoenix	0	4	.000	3½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	212	172
Miami	3	4	0	.429	146	159
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	150	208

South

Houston	5	3	0	.625	137	167
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	182	183
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	208	230
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	139	196

North

Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	170	150
Cincinnati	3	4	1	.438	167	189
Baltimore	3	4	0	.429	133	139
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	158	238

West

Denver	6	2	0	.750	194	136
Oakland	6	2	0	.750	215	203
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	166	137
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	225	212

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	6	1	0	.857	188	130
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	133	141
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	179	117
Washington	4	3	1	.563	186	189

South

Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	262	231
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	152	189
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	201	215
Carolina	2	5	0	.286	191	196

North

Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	139	104
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	172	156
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	183	190
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	131	179

West

Seattle	4	2	1	.643	131	109
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	179	140
Los Angeles	3	4	0	.429	120	154
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	144	219

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three games left to notch more goals and boost their bids for the Golden Boot award.

The Top 2 placers are the only two players to record at least 10 goals, as the third-ranked Gillian Villagomez of MP United tallied only nine after eight games. Borja's teammate Angel Sally and Kanoa's Toremy Diaz are in fourth and fifth places with eight and six goals, respectively.

Another Matansa player—Lyka Sally—is in the Top 10 with her sixth-best five goals—the same number of goals Shirley's FC's Jasmine Phan has. Six more Shirley's players make it to the Top 10 with Lillian Podziewski logging four, Joannah Carreon and Jerlyn Castillo registering three each, and Valeria Myers, Diana Maniacop, and Katrina Costales posting two apiece. Matansa's Sunny Woo, TanHoldings' Clair Barrozo, and MP United's Rei Sekiguchi also have two goals each, go-

ing into the last few games in the fall season. Fifteen other players from the six participating teams made it to the board, scoring one goal apiece.

In the boys U17 division, the race is between two Matansa players. Jun Sik Kim has 13 goals so far and is on top of teammate Evan Belcher, who has earned 10 with two games left in the season.

Three players are tied for second place with MP United's Sun Joon Tenorio, TanHoldings' Joshua Galarion, and Matansa's Joshua De Leon recording five goals apiece. Louie Calayag of TanHoldings is alone at No. 3 with his four goals, while Paire's Saixian Bagsic, Matansa's Jether Yobech, and TanHoldings' Anthoy Fruit have collected three apiece.

MP United's Go Sekiguchi, Michael Lee, and Keanu Diaz, Tan Holdings' Allan Hinson and Jonah Pohl, and Matansa's Lolobeyond Benito are the other boys U17 players who have scored multiple goals with two each.

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Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Edwin Santos, right, has little room to operate as two Best Sunshine International-Blue Eagle defenders are on him and teammate Darwin Barbo is also in the play during their game in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Lerio Pagarao challenges the defense of BSI-Blue Eagle's Brady Hammond.



Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Manolo Manalo uses the glass for a deuce.



Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Darwin Barbo drives baseline past the defense of BSI-Blue Eagle's Andrew Palino, second left, and Dindo Pablo, third left, while the former's teammate Tony Diaz watches the play.



Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Ernie Moises pulls up for a fastbreak shot.



BSI-Blue Eagle's Brady Hammond looks for a teammate to pass the ball to while Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Darwin Barbo keeps a close eye on him.



BSI-Blue Eagle's Tony Raho tries to protect the ball after beating Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Darwin Barbo, left, and Edwin Santos in the rebound play.



Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani's Bart Demapan dishes the ball off to Tony Diaz, not in the picture, as he faces a couple of BSI-Blue Eagle defenders on his way to the basket.

Indians try to bring Cleveland long-awaited home party

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M-League pacesetters deliver, again

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Division leaders MP United Football Club and Kanoa FC are on a roll after posting contrasting victories in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United stayed on top of Division A as it improved its win-draw-loss record to 3-0-0 following a 2-0 win over Matansa FC in the first game at the Oleai pitch.

The Division A pacesetter scored both goals in the second half with Evan Belcher putting MP United on the board for the first time in the 45th minute. The second goal came six minutes later and was courtesy of Fumikazu Sukenari.

With the victory, MP United kept its distance against spring champion TanHoldings, while Matansa is still winless after four games and is at the bottom of the team standings in the six-squad division.

TanHoldings 8, KFAS 2

TanHoldings, which held the Division A lead in the first two weeks, is breathing on MP United's neck as the former now holds a 3-0-1 mark



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Sun Palace's Cosmos Kim, second left, and Paire Football Club's Suguru Takahashi, third left, collide as they battle for the ball during the first half of their Division A game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

following its demolition of Korean Football Association on Saipan in the second game.

Former CNMI national youth player Sean Perez finally played this season and made his presence felt in the league by registering two goals in TanHoldings' easy victory over KFAS. Perez logged his first



goal just 10 seconds into the game and got his second in the 77th.

Six other players hit the board for TanHoldings with Ant Coles, Shingo Suzuki, and Joshua Galarion finding their target in the first half after scoring in the 26th, 31st, and 35th minute, respectively.

TanHoldings led after the first 40

minutes of play, as only Sung Su Jung and Young Ju Lee earned goals for KFAS (0-0-2) with their conversions in the sixth and 30th minute.

In the last 40 minutes of the match, it was Keisuke Kitamura, Alan Hinson, and Martin Jambor's turn to contribute to TanHoldings' cause with

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SLLB looking for playing option for Big Leaguers

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Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is in talks with Saipan Baseball League for the possibility of putting up a separate competition for "disenfranchised" Big Leaguers.

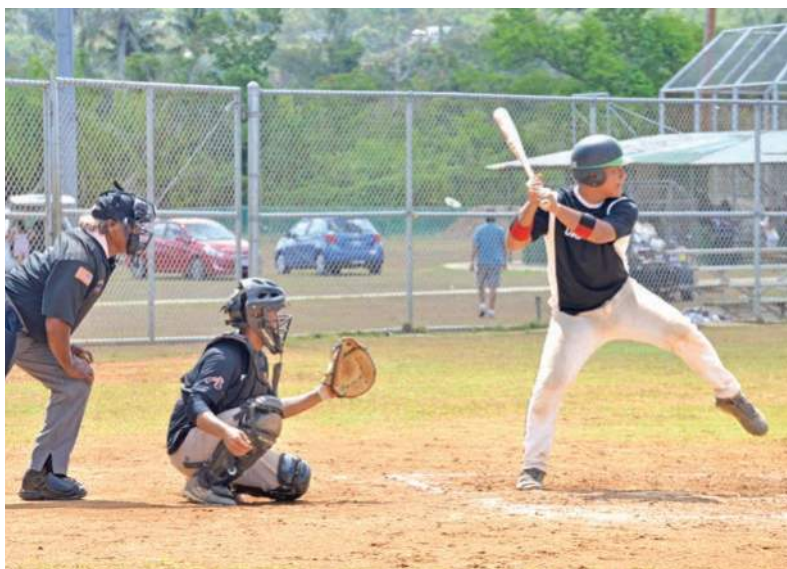
"Unfortunately, the Big League division was phased out in its entirety by the Little League Headquarters. Because we are governed by Little League Headquarters, we cannot hold any games for the 17 to 18 year olds through the program even though it will just be within our league," reelected SLLB president A.J. Murig said.

Little League president and CEO Stephen D. Keener in August this year during the World Series in Easley, South Carolina, announced that they are dissolving the Big League Baseball and Big League Softball divisions, limiting participation in the Little League program to players in the 4 to 16 years old age group.

"Because of that (scrapping of our youths who are graduates of the Big League program) and my Senior League and are no longer concern about the kids in this age group, I have had some talks with the Saipan Baseball League board on the possibility of having a league to accommodate



The discontinuation was another setback for the island's Big Leaguers as early this year they were



not able to compete in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament in China due to visa problems. They were then allowed to participate (guests) in the inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic SBL hosted this year.

"The possibility of having a league that will transition them into the Major League after Senior League is what I am hoping will pull through. But that again is out of my hands as that will possibly fall under SBL, which is a member of BCO (Baseball Confederation of Oceania) that has tournaments these Big League players can participate in," the SLLB head added.

Despite the exclusion of the Big League from the Little League pro-

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An Islanders player gets ready to bat during their playoff game against the Braves in the Big League division of last season's SLLB at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Guinevere leads Golden Boot race in girls U15



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Matansa Football Club's Guinevere Borja is ahead in the Golden Boot race in the girls U15 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League.

Borja, who is now in China to suit up for the CNMI U19 Girls National Team that will be playing in the AFC U19 Women's Championship 2017 Qualifiers, has collected 18 goals in six games in the double-round robin season. She posted his most goals (5) on Oct. 15 in their 7-2 rout of TanHoldings.

The Matansa forward, who got four goals in their 9-1 triumph over MP United last Oct. 8, two apiece in their Sept. 10 match over TanHoldings and in their Sept. 17 and Oct. 22 tiffs against Shirleys, and three versus Kanoa last Sept. 24, has a five-goal lead over Kanoa's Paulynn Joyce.

Joyce trimmed Borja's lead after gaining six goals in their 7-0 trashing of TanHoldings last Oct. 22. Both Joyce and Borja have

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Matansa Football Club's Guinevere Borja tries to maneuver her way out from the defense of a TanHoldings player during their first round game in the girls U15 division of the M-League at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.